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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge
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Dear Secretary of State, I, Dr Mark Wilkinson, of [REDACTED] am writing to make a formal objection to the "Application for a Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge", as submitted by the Cambridge Greater Partnership on 12th November 2024.

The grounds of my objection are several, first, there is a much cheaper and better road-based (A1303) alternative which the GCP seem not to have properly considered. This would provide a more direct route to the Cambridge biomedical campus, and allow ambulances and other emergency vehicles to use the emergency lane. It would also link better to other facilities, such as 6th form colleges and other major employment destinations.

The benefit to cost ratio is very low at 0.5, which does not meet DfT's criterion for such a scheme.

The proposed route would cause significant damage to Coton Orchard, a county wildlife site and one of the few large orchards left in East Anglia.

The Government's commitment to the East-West Rail development renders the Busway even less relevant or cost-effective.

The GCP seems wedded inexplicably to more expensive and destructive off-road busways rather than more modest, cheaper and better integrated on-road or beside road solutions with equal benefit, lower cost and nothing like the same levels of wildlife and habitat destruction.

I hope you will consider these objections favourably,

Yours sincerely,

Mark Wilkinson

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