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To the Secretary of State for Transport:
We wish to register an objection to the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway, which is the subject of a Transport and Work Act Order application from the Greater Cambridge Partnership.
The Greater Cambridge Partnership appear to have the objective of adding to available traffic routes into Cambridge and certainly in the case of the Cambourne to Cambridge busway have brushed aside all arguments suggesting an off-road route may not be the best alternative. The proposed scheme will:

- bring passengers to a residential part of the city with several primary schools and colleges. The ongoing bus journeys to employment centres along narrow roads will inevitably add to local congestion and increase journey times, nullifying any potential savings in journey times of the off-road route.
- cut through critical green belt land. The 2 to 3m high embankment needed to clear Bin Brook would be particularly inappropriate, causing visual harm where preservation of openness is paramount.

In addition, no impact assessment appears to have been made for the proposed crossing of the busway and Bin Brook despite the fact that the Gough Way housing estate upstream of the crossing has suffered from flooding in the past. This would appear to contravene the National Planning Policy Framework regarding flood risk.
Once built, the proposed East-West rail link will provide much greater capacity and transfer passengers to stations close to employment centres rendering the proposed Cambourne to Cambridge busway, with its estimated cost of £192 million, largely redundant.
Yours
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