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Dear Sir or Madam

This representation is in connection with the proposed Cambridge South East Transport project (CSET) put forward by the Greater Cambridge Partnership, and in particular the impact on biodiversity of the section from Francis Crick Avenue to Granham's Road (as shown in Figure 3.5 on Page 31 of the Environmental Statement Volume 2: Main Report). I have for the last thirteen years conducted ecological surveys – focusing in particular on farmland birds – in the arable fields between the Cambridge Biomedical Campus and Granham's Road.

My study has shown that the fields support unusually good populations of farmland birds, brown hares and other arable wildlife, and it is therefore important that any changes to the site take full account of this. I have been able to liaise constructively with the consultants for the Greater Cambridge Partnership (Mott Macdonald and Atkins) during the design stage of the project and this has already resulted in some valuable improvements to the project. A copy of one of the annual reports of my study is included at the end of Volume 3: Appendix 10.3 Bird Surveys and I attach the most recent report.

My main comments on the stretch of busway between the Nine Wells LNR and Granham's Road concern:

- The new hedgerow
- The rabbit fence
- The seed mix for the enhanced grass margin.

I attach a more detailed discussion and explanation of how relatively some small changes would provide benefits to the arable wildlife that uses the area and help mitigate the impact of the busway in this particular stretch – please note that I do not have the same level of detailed knowledge of the remainder of the proposed route and it is quite posible that similar biodiversity issues would arise elsewhere.

Do let me know if you have any questions or need more information.

Yours faithfully

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