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To: The Secretary of State for Transport
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Dear Secretary of State

The Greater Cambridge Partnership proposed new busway from Cambourne to Cambridge urgently needs a total rethink for the following reasons:

1. **over 22,200 local people have signed a petition asking local elected politicians to build bus lanes not "bus roads" so as to avoid unnecessary environmental damage**
2. **the proposed busway would destroy a wonderful ancient orchard at Coton**
3. the A428 which passes right by Cambourne and Cambridge is in the process of extensively improved. The commendable aim of getting commuters out of their cars and into buses could be achieved by a combination of prioritised bus lanes on already existing roads, improved bus services, and restricted car flow and/or a (re-thought) congestion charge for traffic coming into Cambridge
4. as we face climate collapse and loss of habitat and species, all new engineering and building developments must surely be required to maximise environmental protection and minimise CO2 including minimising new concrete
5. the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is not a democratic body but is a rather secretive quango who make a show of publishing their plans and seeking local views while quietly failing to even a show of discussing any alternatives.
6. GCP "improvements" always take the form of needlessly expensive developments as if GCP are primarily serving engineering and construction contractors (their friends, one imagines) rather than local communities c.f. the cycle path linking Fen Ditton to Cambridge which is a cycle motorway with giant underpass instead of the ordinary cycle path that would have done the job much cheaply and in a much more environmentally friendly way.
7. the vast cost of a wholly new "busway" would be much better shared between improved bus lanes and increased homelessness support and social housing which Cambridge desperately needs.

When you review the proposed busway please consider these points and all the other objections from local people and from wildlife, environment, and heritage groups.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

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