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Subject: Re: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge as submitted by Cambridgeshire County Council on 12 November 2024
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Apologies, I forgot to include my contact details:

Ruth Donnelly
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Please see my letter below.

On Thu, Jan 2, 2025 at 3:04 PM Ruth Donnelly [REDACTED] wrote:

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To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the village of Coton and support increased public transport especially for those living in rural areas. However I do object to the off-road section of this proposed bus-way between Madingley Mulch and West Cambridge. I feel that this would be better served by an on-road busway. This would mean that green belt land is preserved and also that less money is wasted. The current bridge over the motorway on the A1303 could accommodate an additional tidal (if needed) bus lane. This route has not been properly assessed by the GCP but is supported by the locals including the Cambridge Past Present and Future charity (CPPF) who have worked extensively to understand the implications of the plans.

Since covid working patterns have changed, I have noticed that the traffic jams are not as bad as they used to be and I understand that the GCP has not reassessed their busway plans since then. Also, now that the East West Rail will be stopping in Cambourne, there is less need for a busway between Cambourne and Cambridge. The railway has the advantage that it would serve the centre of town allowing access to town centre schools, sixth form colleges and other places of work, whereas the proposed busway terminates in Grange Road which limits its usefulness.

The proposed busway would divide East Anglia's largest remaining traditional orchard, Coton Orchard which is a County Wildlife Site. The wildlife in this region is very varied and cutting the habitat in half will make it much more difficult for it to move around and thrive. In addition the busway as proposed on the side of Madingley Hill would be an eyesore disturbing both Coton residents, visitors to the American Cemetery and also anyone who looks in its direction for miles around.

I would fully support a re-evaluation of the plans in light of the East West Railway plans and current working patterns. I suspect that either an on-road busway would be more appropriate or using the new railway instead. Both of these options would be significantly cheaper thus freeing up resources for other green transport plans.

Yours sincerely,
Ruth Donnelly

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