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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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I Chris Wastell 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 12 November 2024. The grounds for this objection are the following:

The Park and Ride proposed at Scotland Farm does not align with other infrastructure projects such as East West Rail (which is current government policy) and would force traffic to divert from the A14 and M11 through small villages. Furthermore the affected routes would worsen congestion and prevent this proposed project from meeting its intended purpose.

The Cambourne to Cambridge busway will not make public transport to these key employment zones a viable alternative. Travel to these areas will continue to be over an hour by bus vs 10 minutes by car. Developments at Cambourne, Bourn Airfield, and surrounding areas would be better served with links to Cambridge North station and the surrounding Science Parks.

The current proposals only serve to benefit Cambridge University (and their Eddington development) and fails to address the needs of the wider community. Cambridge University holds a seat on the executive board of the GCO. The GCP has failed to declare or address the conflict of interest in its consultations. Infrastructure projects should not be considered in isolation.

The construction of the busway would go through Coton Orchard Wildlife Site destroying valuable habitats and veteran trees. The habitats that would be destroyed would take over 50 years to recreate. As outlined above I do not believe current proposals are for for purpose and can not justify this needless destruction of vital habitats.

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