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To: The Secretary of State for Transport

From: Christine Mary R Nisbet, [redacted]

I am writing to make a formal objection to 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

It is clear that Cambridge has a need for better public transport, but this needs to be provided in a cost effective way that does not damage the beauty of the city and the surrounding greenbelt and necklace of villages which are a significant factor of attraction for the high-tech researchers that their companies need.

I am objecting to the Greater Cambridge Partnership's proposed route of the C2C busway between Madingley Mulch and West Cambridge. Assessment of this proposed off-road section of the C2C show it would be very poor value for money. To route the busway along the Madingley Road would be a much cheaper alternative. Making an off-road busway cut right through the Coton Orchard is wrong - this orchard is a precious part of our heritage. Heritage is not just ancient buildings, the environment and biodiversity matters too - this ancient orchard and its ecosystem is really important.

Building a busway to Grange Road makes no sense at all - there is no major commuter employment or shopping in the vicinity to draw passengers. As the West Cambridge site is well served by the Madingley Road Park&Ride and the U1 and U2 bus it would be much better to have the C2C busway terminate at the Park&Ride.

Cambridge is an attractive city for companies and the researchers whose ideas and skills are delivering its economic success because people want to live here and in the surrounding villages - it is not a huge concrete metropolis and must not become one. Our history and our greenbelt are really important.

C M R Nisbet

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