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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order for proposed Busway from Cambourne to Cambridge
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Dear Secretary of State for Transport,

We are 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 Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) on 12 November 2024. The grounds for our objection are the following:

1. The proposed route cuts through Coton Orchard Wildlife Site, which would destroy valuable habitats and veteran trees. The proposed busway would also go through two other local wildlife sites, irreversibly damaging the landscape and habitats.
2. We understand that the proposed busway would end on Grange Road, cutting just 3 minutes off a 30-minute journey. It then runs on roads in central Cambridge, which is where the congestion occurs. We are not aware that the GCP has ever addressed this.
3. We understand that the modelling used for the Cambourne to Cambridge busway is based on pre-Covid transport data, which does not reflect the current situation. The proposed busway has been opposed by the majority of the public in all GCP consultations, who asked for the alternative route, proposed by Cambridge Past Present and Future (CPPF), to be considered by the County Council in March 2024. The alternative route proposed by the CPPF had better connectivity to key destinations for commuters into Cambridge, did not involve harm to biodiversity or habitats, was fraction of the cost and could be delivered far more quickly.
4. The application documents and plans exclude the Gough Way estate, so the proposed Bin Brook bridge and embankment structure flooding risk is not addressed or evaluated.
5. We understand that the East/West Rail proposal is progressing. Once the railway links Cambourne to Cambridge, the busway will not be needed. The estimated £220 million for the proposed busway could then be put towards the railway line.

Please can you review our concerns about the environment and the cost implications involved for this proposed project and balance these with the alternatives the public has put forward.

Yours faithfully

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