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Subject: Objection to Cambourne Cambridge bus way
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Hello,

I'm writing to object to the planned bus way:

<https://www.greatercambridge.org.uk/sustainable-transport-programme/public-transport-schemes/cambourne-to-cambridge/cambourne-to-cambridge-latest>

I'm a resident of Cambourne for 10 years. I cycled daily from Cambourne to Cambridge from 2015 to 2018. I now work elsewhere.

I observed that traffic followed freely on the A428 without exception, and on the A1303 (Madingley road) with very few but very predictable exceptions.

The exceptions were as follows:

- always East-bound
- always before 9am
- always after 8am
- never in school holidays
- never in the period when state schools are open but private schools are closed (due to longer holidays)
- only when private schools are open

I concluded that the traffic is caused by parents taking their children to private school. My observations of the occupants of the cars confirmed this hypothesis.

Building a whole new road, just for buses, seems like, frankly, an idiotic solution to the problem. Regardless of the unnecessary environmental impact, which is a major concern in itself, the economics of building a road are simply not modified.

If the road costs £100 million, depreciating over 50 years, and has benefit only during one hour per day and only on approximately 150 days per year, then it has a benefit costing £13k per hour. If we run three buses per hour full of 50 people, then the cost is £90 per person per journey before buying and running a bus. That cost is higher than a helicopter!

I suggest go ahead with the new park and ride at Madingley mulch, and provision buses for the schools. Observe the effect for one year and you may have saved us all £100 million.

The documentation for the busway is excessively complex and not very useful

There is a lack of knowledge of the actual road being discussed. It flows freely most of the time!

I have read the traffic modelling and see that the method does not account for school term times. I think you have paid too much to consultants and would be better advised to spend a few months cycling the route and observing the traffic patterns.

Please don't waste our money and our countryside.

Yours faithfully,

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