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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the DfT for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge
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I, Mrs Barbara French of [REDACTED] am writing to you to formally object to the above Order as submitted by the GCP in November 2024.

The proposed busway would cause irreparable harm to the Coton Orchard Wildlife Site by destroying the veteran trees. I myself own an orchard in Cambridgeshire of a similar age, albeit much smaller, and know of the valuable habitats and wildlife that these old trees support. It will take decades for these habitats to be replaced by new planting. The number of invertebrates, bryophytes and flora supported by this orchard is huge and they in turn support numerous other species of birds and mammals. And all this is additional to the destruction of two other wildlife sites.

If this was the cheapest option, or the only option, then there might be a reason for it going ahead. But as there is another option - building the busway adjacent to the A1303 and this option would not only be cheaper, easier to construct and cause less impact on wildlife and the landscape, but would also provide a better transport link for the proposed new development at Bourn airfield.

I urge rejection of this application for the reasons briefly outlined above: the environmental and visual impact would be permanent; the mitigation measures are totally inadequate.

Transport links can be improved without such severe destruction of the environment. Surely the GCP should be aiming for the best solution, and is the proposed scheme really the best possible?

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