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Subject: Objection to Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport for a new busway linking Cambourne to Cambridge as submitted by Cambridgeshire County Council on 12 November 2024
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We Sarah and Gavin Peck of [REDACTED] are writing to make a formal objection to the above Order.

Although we support improvement of public transport of Cambridge as a whole. This scheme does not hold our votes.

There is an excellent on-road alternative including new bus lanes and bus priority measures following the A1303 which has never been properly assessed by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP). This on-road alternative would provide a more direct route to the Cambridge biomedical campus and allow other buses and emergency vehicles to use the priority lane.

The suggested on-road alternative would cost a fraction of the cost of the GCP's proposed off-road route.

The new Labour government has confirmed in its October 2024 budget that it intends to proceed with the East West Rail development which will provide a direct link between Cambourne and the new Cambridge South station adjacent to the Biomedical Campus. This is a far better transport option. Once this East West Rail is built, the Benefit Cost Ratio of the busway will fall further making it extremely poor value for money.

The GCP route which terminates in Grange Road does not serve either major employment destinations or Cambridge's sixth form colleges which commuters would have to traverse the city centre to access.

But most importantly, the busway would transect Coton Orchard, a County Wildlife Site and East Anglia's largest remaining traditional orchard, which is the eighth largest in the UK. The busway would urbanise our lovely village of Coton, one of Cambridge's historic necklace villages.

I implore you to consider other options that are available and save Coton orchard and tranquility of the village. If we carry on with this disregard for nature, there will soon be nothing left.

Sarah and Gavin Peck

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