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I am writing to object to the

Transport and Work Act Order to the Department for Transport (DfT) for a new busway, and travel hub, and also providing a path for walkers and cyclists linking Cambourne to Cambridge, submitted by the Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP).

GCP have consistently ignored the overwhelming objection to their proposed scheme. My principal objections are:

1. No business case. The new busway will shorten journey times by no more than a few minutes at best. The cost of this minimal improvement is disproportionate to the damage it will do to the green belt. Furthermore the buses will terminate on Grange Road, some considerable distance away from the key transport hubs (bus and train stations) and employment areas (Science park, biomedical campus) in Cambridge. When the buses hit Grange Road, they will get stuck in the traffic, rendering any improved journey time on the off-road section meaningless.
2. Alternative options ignored. An on road option has never been properly assessed by GCP, which would be more cost effective and less harmful to the green belt. In addition, options to improve the Girton interchange (which would remove traffic from Madingley rise - the main congestion point) have been ignored.
3. Interference and loss of active travel routes for walking, wheeling, cycling and horse riding. The off road route would at least temporarily and in some cases permanently stop up and destroy valuable and well used footpaths and bridleways between villages along the route, cutting them off from each other except by roads with national speed limits and few if any pavements.
4. A redundant scheme. With East West rail linking Cambourne (and beyond) to all three Cambridge rail stations, and all points beyond, with much faster travel times, taking people to where they want to go (especially for work) the off-road busway option will be a colossal white elephant.

I hope the scheme never sees the light of day and would fully support any legal challenges against it.

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