

WHY OFF-ROAD SHOULD BE OFF-LIMITS

The Greater Cambridge Partnership (GCP) is pressing ahead with their scheme to build an off-road busway from Cambourne to Cambridge (C2C) at a cost of at least £200 million. This expensive busway will irreversibly damage views, landscape and habitats.

IT WILL BE A TRAGEDY

For wildlife and local ecology ...

- ➔ carves up Green Belt land with restrictive covenants in favour of The National Trust
- ➔ causes significant destruction of scrub, meadow and woodland habitats
- ➔ bisects priority Green Corridors – which are key to ecological recovery
- ➔ desecrates the 100-year-old Coton Orchard – where no amount of new planting can compensate for the loss

For local heritage and local people ...

- ➔ ruins some of loveliest, most unspoiled views anywhere around Cambridge
- ➔ encroaches on paths used by walkers, including many from the city
- ➔ imposes unjustified urbanisation on the rural, historic village of Coton

For taxpayers and commuters ...

- ➔ does not make journey times to Cambridge significantly faster
- ➔ does not provide easy journeys to actual destinations
- ➔ does not take into account current road usage data or evolving working–commuting patterns
- ➔ has a minimum price tag of £200 million and a benefit–cost ratio of only 0.43 – so is poor value and a waste of taxpayers' money



THE COTON ORCHARD

This is the largest, most important **Traditional Orchard** in the county, the eighth largest in the UK, and a site of national significance. These orchards are designated **Priority Habitats** and hotspots for biodiversity – and the 100-year-old Coton Orchard is no exception. It has a rich ecology of plants and animals, and hedgerows foraged by several bat species, including rare **Barbastelles** and **Narthusius Pipistrelles**.

The off-road scheme would remove the section with the most mature trees, and lay a 20-metre width of tarmac and concrete across the site. **Contrary to GCP claims, it is simply not possible to compensate for this desecration.**

“ I am horrified by the proposal to destroy the ancient orchard at Coton. It is hard to exaggerate the importance of this traditional orchard habitat. ”

STEVE ORAM, ORCHARD BIODIVERSITY OFFICER,

HELP US AVERT THIS TRAGEDY

Together with **Cambridge Past, Present and Future**, we are campaigning for a better solution, and raising funds for independent experts and legal advisors to be able to fight the case at the public enquiry. We need your support to stop this wasteful devastation.

You can:

- **Donate** – via the **CPPF website**
- **Sign the petition** – on **Change.org**
- **Write to decision-makers**
- **Spread the word!**

Find out more about the proposed scheme and how to support the campaign via the CBAG website.

“ Having visited the site, I hope that decision-makers will work with the local community and avoid damage here ... Something better and more visionary is needed. ”

GRIFF RHYS-JONES



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