

# 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 construction 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 recent 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

## NOT JUST COTON ...

Hardwick has been given an impossible choice: lose the trees on St Neots Rd or have the village closed to through-traffic by a bus gate – which will affect local businesses, make journeys for residents longer, and mean that other villages such as Barton and Toft become a rat run. For the city and South Cambridgeshire, it means further depletion of countryside and a colossal waste of funds that could be spent on other projects.

## BUT YOU CAN HELP AVERT IT

Together with Cambridge Past, Present and Future, we're campaigning for a **better, on-road solution**, and raising funds for independent experts and legal advisors to fight the case at the public enquiry. So please:

- Sign the petition • Donate
- Spread the word!

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