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Coton Village Hall

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a bus route through or very close to Coton, because it:

- threatens the rural character of the village, irreparably damaging its Green Belt surroundings, including the Coton Countryside Reserve and the West Fields
- brings no apparent local benefit; current plans suggest that buses are unlikely to stop in or near Coton. In fact our own journey times to the city will be increased because we will have to queue to get across the busway on Cambridge Road
- costs almost £70 million for a negligible saving on journey times relative to other options (journey time estimates in the City Deal leaflet are highly optimistic and misleading)
- creates a large new flyover crossing the M11 which would dominate the landscape between Coton and the city
- increases road noise both from the road itself and from the M11 because a large number of trees and foliage would have to be destroyed to build the new flyover
- paves the way for large-scale new development along its route.

Your Parish Council STRONGLY SUPPORTS Option 2 Central,

with the important modifications of a tidal bus lane (inbound in the morning, outbound in the evening) on Madingley Road and improved cycling provision along the Coton Footpath, because it:

- uses existing roads optimally, saving £50 million which could be used on other transport schemes throughout the area
- solves the real problem, which is one-way congestion for two or three hours a day during the morning/evening rush hour
- enhances cycling options to the west of Cambridge
- preserves and protects our precious communities.

We want to hear your views!

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