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Councillor Ian Hudspeth  
Leader of the Council

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Dear 

**Re: Oxford to Cambridge Expressway**

Following a recent meeting of Oxfordshire County Council I have been instructed to write to you following the passing of the following motion:

Oxfordshire County Council will work with Highways England on the development of the vision for the English Economic Heartland and the Oxford to Cambridge Arc on the understanding that they will expedite the realisation of the East West Rail Link.

The development of the railway line will ensure the delivery of the growth and housing required, without the environmental impact of a road cutting across the centre of rural England.

Building the expressway flies in the face of Oxfordshire's commitment to reduce the use of the car. An action which is necessary to tackle the climate change emergency, which Local Government, including Oxfordshire has signed up to.

Oxfordshire does not support the building of the Expressway irrespective of which route is chosen.

Yours sincerely



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