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Suggested letter to your MP below. **Remember** you must add your name and your address, to show you are one of their constituents.

**If** your MP is Layla Moran, Greg Smith or Daniel Zeichner, you don't need to write, as they are co-sponsoring this event!

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Dear

PLEASE FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE PROPOSED OXFORD – CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY AND WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP

On Wednesday February 26<sup>th</sup>, between 2 and 4pm, the No Expressway Group is holding a drop in event in the Thatcher Room, Portcullis House, to illustrate the potentially devastating impact of the proposed Oxford-Milton Keynes-Cambridge Arc development plans on the environment, wildlife, our health and our communities.

As one of your constituents I am writing to ask you to attend this drop in session to see how these proposals will affect us all regionally, nationally and internationally.

The Ox-Cam Arc proposals involve constructing a major new road between the M4 near Newbury and the M1 near Brogborough. A transformational total of one million new houses is proposed for the entire Ox-Cam Arc area by 2050, a total which will impose on local communities an increase in housing stock of between four and six times the Office of National Statistics' predicted average national growth in the same period of time. Almost one quarter (23%) of all expressway houses are earmarked for London commuters.

The expressway across the Ox-Cam Arc has also been called the 'outer M25' because it is intended to carry up to one quarter of the M25's current HGV traffic, i.e. 1.3 million movements a year, or two per minute on average.

Communities have not been consulted on any aspect of expressway plans so far which seem designed to perpetuate car-dependent travel over longer distances to places of work for well over an additional one million workers. This will do untold damage to our fragile ecosystem and render more or less meaningless the Government's net zero carbon target by 2050.

The No Expressway Group supporters are not against economic growth and not against much-needed housing, but the scale of these proposals, and the speed with which they will be carried out, has alarmed all communities along the Arc with which the group is in contact. An alternative, public transport option of moving across the Arc is being developed in the form of East-West Rail, due for completion before any expressway. If we have a railway why do we also need a road?

I urge you to go to the Ox-Cam Arc drop in session on the 26<sup>th</sup> February, to meet members of the No Expressway Group and experts in housing, transport and the environment who will be able to answer any questions you may have about the Ox-Cam Arc proposals.

At the event, there will be an opportunity to sign a pledge letter to support the campaign and other ways for you to express any support that you feel able to offer.

I hope you will agree with me that we must look again at how we plan growth and connectivity improvements in our country if we are to have any hope of avoiding a climate catastrophe. Even if you only have a few minutes to spare, I hope you will feel able to attend.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely

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