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Dear Andy McDonald

**Article - Cambridge Independent 25<sup>th</sup> November 2019, "General Election 2019: Raucous hustings reveals Cambridge candidates' climate policy strengths and weaknesses"**

The No Expressway Group with members across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire and supporters across the whole Arc, are very encouraged to see in today's Cambridge Independent that a new Labour Party policy has been signed off to "scrap the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway." Are you able to confirm this position? We would welcome any statement you have of Labour's new policy.

It is No Expressway Group's position that the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway *and* its associated target of one million homes across the Arc should be cancelled and the new Government should shift investment from private, car-dependent transport to public transport systems such as fully electrified East-West Rail instead and housing targets set at realistic levels. Existing road and housing proposals with staggering growth rate targets would have devastating consequences for the environment, our health, our infrastructure and resources.

Is it the Labour Party's policy also to invest in electrification of East West Rail and to bring housing targets across the Arc, down to be in line with the Office of National Statistics predictions of 16% average growth rate to 2050, rather than the current aspirational targets of from more than 3 to 6 times these rates across the Arc in the same time period?

Your sincerely

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