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Dear Caroline Russell

Green Party Policy on Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and target of one million new homes across the Arc

The No Expressway Group with members across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire and supporters across the whole Arc, are encouraged to see a new Labour Party policy to “scrap the Oxford-Cambridge Expressway” and movement from the Conservative Party to have a “priority review” of the scheme. Whilst we have seen the Green Party policy not to build new roads, we have not seen a definitive statement on your position regarding the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and its associated housing targets along the Arc? We would welcome any statement on this.

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 Green 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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made presentations to villages across the Arc, from Sunningwell, West of Oxford, to Wavendon, Southeast of Milton Keynes. We have not found a single community in favour of the Arc proposals.