

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
House of Commons
London
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Dear Grant Shapps

NEG letter to Grant Shapps of 22nd November 2019.

The No Expressway Group wrote to you on 22nd November with regard to your press release of 20th November 2019. I wrote as Chair of the largest group campaigning on the Ox-Cam Expressway, with members across Oxfordshire, Buckinghamshire and Bedfordshire and supporters across the whole Arc. I wrote to reiterate No Expressway Group's view that the Ox-Cam Expressway and aspirational target of 1 million new homes across the arc by 2050 should be cancelled, but that if there is to be a "review as a matter of priority", the No Expressway Group formally request to be a part of this review and that this review should be extended to include the associated target of one million homes along the Arc.

I have still had no response to my letter, despite speaking with your constituency office and this matter being raised by them directly with your Chief of Staff, Nicholas Langley, on 29th November.

Given the urgent nature of this issue and deep concerns of voters across the whole arc, I would like to arrange a time to meet with you, before the election, to discuss this. I appreciate that time is tight, however, we have already lost almost two weeks waiting for a response.

I look forward to hearing from you to arrange a time for this urgent meeting.

Your sincerely

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