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Dear Wera Hobhouse

Liberal Democrat 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 statements from Liberal Democrat candidates about the need for real public consultation where the public can say they do not want the Expressway, Layla Moran has also launched a petition to “Scrap the Expressway”. Please can you confirm the Liberal Democrats position on the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and associated housing targets along the Arc?

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 Liberal Democrat 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.