

# County Council



26 September 2019

**Motion to Council:** The Oxford to Cambridge Expressway

**Proposer:** Angela Macpherson

**Seconded:** John Chilver

This Council notes that the UK Government together with the National Infrastructure Commission has proposed the construction of a new 'Expressway' road between Oxford and Cambridge. This Council believes such a new road as currently proposed is unnecessary and will have significant adverse impacts in the north of the county.

This Council supports alternative proposals to relieve existing and future traffic congestion within the county and adjacent areas. These to include:

- the East West rail route which in itself will improve improving east west connectivity.
- the improvement of public transport options across the Arc and north and south within Buckinghamshire

**This Council therefore resolves to:**

**1) Oppose the Expressway project and support the electrification of the East-West Rail route for passenger and freight traffic as part of the strategic rail network. This includes to encourage these intermodal connections to East-West Rail and to discourage long distance freight by road.**

**(2) Support better east west public transport and active rail solutions.**

**(3) Develop alternative proposals which avoid the damaging environmental impacts of The Expressway.**

**(4) Continue to work with environmental groups including the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Natural Environment Partnership to develop plans as part of vital mitigation if the Expressway does progress.**

**(5) Write to local MPs to express the Council's view, to outline to them the points detailed in resolutions (1)-(4), and to ask for their support in the Council's endeavours.**