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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.



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Notice of Motion: Kashmir

Proposer: Steven Lambert

Seconded: Martin Tett

This Council notes serious concerns amongst thousands of residents of Kashmiri heritage across Buckinghamshire, about widely reported recent human rights abuses and their recent escalation in Jammu Kashmir.

Council believes that Buckinghamshire, with its diverse citizenry and strong economy, it has a key role to play in maintaining good links within our diverse communities.

That recent events have caused distress and concern at the actions taking place in Kashmir, which have seen curfews, internet and social media crackdowns, as well as power outages, making communication very difficult to loved ones and that these events are directly affecting the well-being of Buckinghamshire residents of Kashmiri heritage.

This Council is also mindful of its key statutory responsibility to promote community cohesion within and between different communities in Buckinghamshire.

This Council therefore acknowledges the United Nations Security Council Resolution 39, adopted on January 20, 1948, which offered to assist in the peaceful resolution of the Kashmir Conflict by setting up a commission of three members; one to be chosen by India, one to be chosen by Pakistan and the third to be chosen by the other two members of the commission.

This Council therefore calls upon the Leader to:

- **Write to all our local Members of Parliament to make known the concerns of local Buckinghamshire residents of South East Asian heritage. This has to be done in a manner that does not seek to heighten tensions between different communities within the county and in particular respects the human rights of all concerned.**
- **Ask that the MPs listen to those concerns and raise them, as appropriate, with the Foreign Secretary**



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Motion to Council: Climate Change

Proposer: Martin Tett

Seconded: Bill Chapple

This Council notes that global climate change is of increasing importance to the people of Buckinghamshire and is committed to playing its part in the UK meeting its 2050 net-zero target.

Council resolves to:

- **Recognise that the rate of climate change is a global emergency.**
- **Recognise that, although the UK constitutes 1% of global carbon emissions, it must nevertheless play its part in leading the way in promoting change both in the UK itself and, importantly, globally.**
- **Note the significant progress that Buckinghamshire County Council has made to date in addressing climate change.**
- **Agree that the new Buckinghamshire Council should consider addressing climate change as a key issue.**
- **Acknowledge the net-zero 2050 UK target, as contained in the 2008 Climate Change Act (as amended).**
- **Commission a carbon audit pre assessment to gain an insight into the Council's carbon usage.**
- **Recommend that Cabinet should further consider this issue, including what proposals, ahead of vesting day, the authority could implement to support this agenda. These proposals to include using the carbon audit gap analysis report to inform the policy decisions of the new Buckinghamshire Council once it is established next April.**

