



Notices of Motion

Date: 21 July 2021

Cambridge to Oxford Development Arc

Proposer: Councillor Robin Stuchbury

Seconder: Councillor Stuart Wilson

The Cabinet took a decision last summer to withdraw from the Oxford to Cambridge ARC Leaders Group. Earlier this year, the Government published a report setting out plans to create a long-term spatial framework for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, including Buckinghamshire, with the ambition of transforming the Arc into one of the world's premier growth corridors. The timeline for developing the spatial framework says that it starts off with a public consultation in summer 2021. In light of the fact that the Cambridge to Oxford Expressway has been cancelled, this Council confirms that the Cambridge to Oxford Development Arc is now unsustainable and calls on the Government to withdraw the plans for a spatial framework for the Arc, so that all future developments are driven through the Buckinghamshire local plan in consultation with Buckinghamshire residents.

Motion to Council: East West Rail Aylesbury Spur

Proposer: Councillor Mark Winn

Seconder: Councillor Martin Tett

Buckinghamshire Council notes and welcomes the £760m that the Government has announced it is investing in East-West Rail and the 1,500 jobs it will create. However, we remain concerned that this recent funding announcement did not commit to the completion of the proposed spur between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes. This spur was originally conceived as a key part of this project.

This Council believes that it will be not be possible to expand Aylesbury's economy and population in a sustainable way without improvements to the connectivity of the town, this includes both the expansion of its railway provision beyond the current line to London and improving the single-track rail line to Princes Risborough.

This Council therefore calls on the Leader and Cabinet to continue to urge the Government to commit to building the Spur line of East-West rail between Aylesbury and Milton Keynes and the associated work to dual the track between Princes Risborough and Aylesbury.

