

What's new

- **SAVE THE DATES!** This year's "Walk the Moor" event will take place on Sunday 7th July. A picnic is being organised by NEA on Brill Hill on 27th July.
- The No Expressway Alliance conference was held on 30th March with many attendees from local action groups and communities. From our group Sarah Foxcroft spoke about our group's campaign to date and David Rogers presented on the impact on the environment of the proposed Expressway, in place of BBOWT. Both were received really well and the group made useful contacts with other villages to share information and knowledge.
- Oxfordshire County Council votes on 2nd April – the council voted unanimously, with no abstentions, to aim for zero carbon growth by 2030, yet voted against the Labour motion calling for the proposed Expressway to be cancelled by 41 to 39 votes, along party lines. This was hugely disappointing, especially as all but one Councillors spoke against the Expressway and the over inflated housing targets leading up to the vote.
- As part of the Oxford Literary Festival, George Monbiot gave a talk called Out of the Wreckage: A new Politics for an Age of Crisis on 30th March, at the Sheldonian. This was an excellent talk including criticism of the expressway plans.
- We are aiming to produce a series of short films which tell stories about our campaign. The first will be filmed over the next week about sites on Otmoor which have inspired people as children.

What's next

- Continue to put up new signs & raise awareness locally and with other groups
- John Howell meeting for Parish Councillors only in the Millenium Hall *to be rescheduled*.
- Oxford Civic Society Expressway Debate (Ian Hudspeth vs Danny Dorling), 17th June, Assembly Rooms, Oxford Town Hall (booking essential)
- 7th July Walk the Moor event, more information to follow
- 27th July picnic on Brill Hill, more information to follow.

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WHAT CAN YOU DO??

Write to your councillors & MP:

- **object to** the lack of public consultation & visibility, lack of Strategic Environmental Assessment, over inflated housing targets for the area (without focusing to have these in the right location at the right price) and the ongoing threat to our area,
- **remind them** it is critical that they are involved in and contribute to Highways England processes now, and that they should be *representing our views*.

Our County and District Councillors and the below MP's

Leader of the Oxfordshire County Council - Ian Hudspeth - ian.hudspeth@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Councillors for Beckley, Forest Hill and Stanton St John:

District Councillor – John Walsh, john.walsh@southoxon.gov.uk

County Councillor – Tim Bearder, tim.bearder@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Councillors for Horton-cum-Studley:

District Councillor – David Hughes, david.hughes@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

District Councillor – Simon Holland, simon.holland@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

District Councillor – Timothy Hallchurch, timothy.hallchurch@cherwell-dc.gov.uk

County Councillor – Dan Sames, dan.sames@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Henley constituency – John Howell, howelljm@parliament.uk

Chris Grayling - chris.grayling@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Michael Gove - secretary.state@defra.gsi.gov.uk

James Brokenshire - james.brokenshire@communities.gsi.gov.uk

Sign this

Cancel the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway (Petition on change.org) - https://www.change.org/p/the-secretary-of-state-for-transport-chris-grayling-mp-cancel-the-oxford-to-cambridge-expressway?utm_medium=email&utm_source=petition_signer_receipt&utm_campaign=triggered&share_context=signature_receipt&recruiter=6981912&j=319113&sfmc_sub=192659342&l=32_HTML&u=57423160&mid=7233052&jb=322251

Support BBOWT's legal challenge to the government for not following due process and completing a Strategic Environmental Assessment prior to choice of corridor for the proposed Expressway. If you'd like to find out more about this and donate, you can use the below link.

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/charity-web/charity/displayCharityCampaignPage.action?charityCampaignUrl=expressway>

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