

Actions

- **PLEASE sign our petition!** – noexpressway.org/petition-signup
- **PLEASE email Grant Shapps MP** – to ask him to reconsider and to make time to meet with NEG?
- **Hear all the latest news.** Sign-up on noexpressway.org/#newsletter for up to the minute news and updates
- **We urgently need to raise funds** to run our campaign and to pay for consultants and experts. *We must not wait. The time is now.* Please donate here donorbox.org/donate-to-no-expressway-group
- **Follow us & Share** - Facebook facebook.com/noexpresswaygroup/ and Twitter @no_expressway

What's new (for full details go to noexpressway.org/news-updates)

Has the Expressway been Cancelled?

- **No!**
- Iain Stewart MP for Milton Keynes South **unofficially** said at a meeting on 7th Feb, with local councillors and NEG Woburn Sands members, that the Ox-Cam Expressway has been cancelled, but not announced
- **However**, when Daniel Zeichner MP for Cambridge challenged Boris Johnson to announce that it has been scrapped, at PMQ's on Wednesday 12th February, the PM said "I must ask the Honourable Gentleman to wait to contain his impatience until the Budget and he will learn more about the National Infrastructure Plan." **No confirmation**
- **The reshuffle has changed people in key positions.** These changes might have an impact on what the government announce in the budget and the date of the budget previously slated for 11th March
- **Have you emailed Grant Shapps yet, to ask him to reconsider and meet with NEG to discuss his "priority review"?** The attached letter and email address make it easier! **Every email makes a difference!**

On 26th February are holding a two-part event in Westminster!

1 - Taking our petition to No. 10

- We've joined forces with Antony Melville of RainForest Saver, and originator of the change.org anti-expressway petition, to **deliver both ours and his petitions to 10 Downing Street on 26th February**. We will walk from Old Palace Yard, opposite Parliament, to Downing Street, some MPs will be joining us!
- If you've not already done so, **please add your name to our petition** at noexpressway.org/petition-signup and ask all your family, friends and neighbours to as well!

2 - Drop-in event for MPs & Peers

- NEG are also holding a drop-in event for MPs and Peers to come and find out more about the destruction that the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and target of one million houses would cause to our environment, wildlife, health and communities. All MPs have been invited
- **We are delighted to have cross-party and cross-Arc support**, with event co-hosts Layla Moran (Lib Dem, Oxford West & Abingdon), Greg Smith (Conservative, Buckingham) and Daniel Zeichner (Labour, Cambridge)
- **CAN YOU REMIND YOUR MP TO COME?** If your MP is not one of our co-sponsors, you can remind them how important this event is and that you'd really like them to attend. You can find out your MP's email address here <https://members.parliament.uk/> and either send an email in your own words or use the letter wording we've prepared [here](#). Remember to add your name and address to all emails.

In the News

- The Ox-Cam Expressway and housing targets and NEG have been mentioned several times in the House of Commons with questions from Anneliese Dodds, Daniel Zeichner, Layla Moran and Greg Smith. Greg Smith also asked for an Ox-Cam Expressway debate in the house and made a 'recess' speech on the topic
- NEG has had a letter published in the Oxford Times and has been mentioned in the Oxford Mail and all its sister local Oxfordshire based papers, and the Cherwell (Student paper). NEG Woburn Sands has also been approached for coverage of upcoming events. This all adds to the profile of the campaign

Further NEG activities

- We continue awareness-raising with NEG Woburn Sands having events at Woburn Sands market, and a meeting in Aspley Guise and more events lined up
- Another key member for our youth campaign, Bella from Ashfold School, did a fantastic job presenting to her school about the Ox-Cam Expressway and housing targets. Well done Bella!

What's next

- Driving petition sign ups on site
- Final preparations for and holding our Westminster event
- Working to get meeting with Grant Shapps to discuss the review and NEG's involvement
- Continue working with the Stronger Together group and working on a programme of activities for schools

Events (see noexpressway.org events page for full details)

- 18th February – NEG will be presenting at a Woburn Sands & Surrounding Villages meeting in Woburn Sands
- 19th February – NEG will be presenting at a Cambridge Community event
- 26th February – NEG Westminster event
- 5th March – NEG will be presenting at a Wavendon & Surrounding Communities meeting in Wavendon
- 12th March – NEG will be presenting at Great Brickhill community meeting