

## Actions

- **PLEASE sign our new petition!** – [noexpressway.org/petition-signup](http://noexpressway.org/petition-signup)  
Every signature adds strength to our campaign to cancel the expressway and housing targets.
- **Hear all the latest news.** Sign-up on [noexpressway.org/#newsletter](http://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](http://donorbox.org/donate-to-no-expressway-group)
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## What's new (for full details go to [noexpressway.org/news-updates](http://noexpressway.org/news-updates))

### **Conservative party announce Ox-Cam Expressway review**

The Transport Secretary, Grant Shapps, announced on 20<sup>th</sup> November that “if elected, a majority Conservative government will review as a priority the Oxford to Milton Keynes and M1 section of the proposed Oxford-Cambridge Expressway.” He added that “We will not allow the scheme to proceed if there is not a strong case that it will boost jobs, prosperity and has local support.” We are encouraged that the Conservative party appear to be listening, *but we are not reassured.* It is fantastic that this is now an election issue, but

#### **PLEASE NOTE:**

- *this is a pledge to review, **not to cancel**, and we fear a review such as that for HS2!*
- *Mr Shapps confirmed to BBC Oxford that Local Authorities have said that **they can deliver the target of one million houses along the arc without the expressway.***

The housing target would increase housing stock for Oxfordshire >100% by 2050, affected parts of Buckinghamshire by 66%, of Northamptonshire by 74% and of Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Huntingdonshire by 81%. These growth rates are **vastly greater than the Office of National Statistics predicted average 16%** population increase to 2050. The impact of this on our environment, pollution and infrastructure, should not be underestimated!

**So, the campaign is not over**, not until the Expressway and target of one million houses is cancelled.

**NEG has written to Mr Shapps** to reiterate our position that the Expressway and housing targets should be cancelled but, if there is to be an expressway review, the NEG formally request to be part of it.

### **The NEG Election Challenge!**

On 17<sup>th</sup> November, 200 of us gathered on Brill Hill in Buckinghamshire to launch our NEG Election Challenge!

*NEG is challenging every parliamentary candidate along the Arc to support our campaign, demanding that the new Government scraps the Ox-Cam Expressway and inappropriate housing targets, and instead invests in public transport systems such as a fully electrified East-West Rail. **Build the railway. Stop the expressway!***

*At time of writing, 23 of 98 candidates have pledged support from 15 of the 20 Constituencies and from a range of political parties. To see the challenge letter and which candidates are campaign Supporters and which are not, or have yet to reply, visit [noexpressway.org/our-supporters](http://noexpressway.org/our-supporters).*

*A huge thank you to all who made our launch event in Brill such a success. Our picture and message have made it into the local press in Oxon and Bucks!*

### **NEG Petition to STOP the Expressway!**

- *If you haven't already done so, **PLEASE sign our petition now! And get everyone you know to sign it too!***  
[noexpressway.org/petition-signup](http://noexpressway.org/petition-signup) *Every sign up makes our campaign stronger.*

### **Further NEG activities**

- We continue the awareness-raising campaign, with presentations at Wotton Underwood and Grendon Underwood/Edgcott village meetings.

## What's next

- Driving petition sign ups on site
- Awaiting feedback from Grant Shapps
- Meeting with Highways England to discuss the consultation process - delayed by HE
- Continue working with the Stronger Together group and working on a programme of activities for schools

### **Events** (see [noexpressway.org](https://www.noexpressway.org) events page for full details)

- 26<sup>th</sup> November – NEG will be presenting at North Marston village meeting
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December – NEG will be presenting at Woburn Sands village meeting
- 9<sup>th</sup> December – NEG will be presenting at Ickford village meeting

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