

Actions

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

Cherwell District Council (CDC) motions on Ox-Cam Expressway

- **21st October, CDC Council passed Cllr Barry Wood's motion** for Council officers to review the impact on local plans of route options once known. Until this is completed the motion asked for CDC to *"maintain an open mind"* about the Expressway. Under CDC Constitution rules (which don't allow debates on further motions on the same topic if a first motion is approved), the more substantive motion proposed by Cllr Tyson, calling on the Government to cancel the expressway and to support rail connectivity, could not be debated. **This was a missed opportunity for CDC to debate the expressway in principle.** Wherever it goes, the expressway will cause tremendous environmental damage. Is CDC happy to see such damage as long as it's not in CDC?
- **Cllr Barry Wood said that there are some "son of project fear' scare stories** about what the Oxford to Cambridge arc will actually mean in real life". We think he may have been talking about us sharing information that our Councillors and Highways England have not. *Well, we think the scale of environmental destruction from the proposed Expressway and one million more homes is something to be truly scared about!*

"Radical Regeneration Manifesto" to "depoliticise discussion around regeneration"

- **Bidwells (property consultants), Perkins and Will (global architects) and Blackstock (property PR consultancy)** say they have brought together 25 "built environment industry leaders with assets totalling over £50 billion", and have this week launched their "Radical Regeneration Manifesto"
- **They say they want to "think big about UK regeneration"** across the country, starting with the Ox-Cam Arc
- **They want special planning and compulsory purchase powers** to speed up planning... *they say they want to "get the politicians out of the planning process." ... yes our democratically elected officials, who don't always get things right, but are answerable to us! Do they want us out of planning too? Sounds like it!*

Also in the news

- In an Oxon Conservative Party Survey, members are asked to say they're in favour of both the Expressway and East West Rail link or against both. No choice for rail not road! Are any other parties or areas getting a similarly poorly worded survey?
- The PM is to chair a new cabinet committee on climate change to drive action to cut emissions across the government. However, Greenpeace noticed the *policy details that mean there's an 18 year lag in the Government facing any fines for missing any targets. That's quite some loophole!*

NEG activities

- We have started filming Expressway Stories 3, at Wotton House. We hope this one will be as good as our first two Expressway Stories!!
- We continue the awareness-raising campaign, with presentations at a SPADE/Sunningwell meeting and a local villages' meeting in Horton-cum-Studley. Thanks go to all who ran the fantastic fund raiser in Marsh Gibbon.

What's next

- Continue working with the Stronger Together group and working on a programme of activities for schools
- Continue work to improve content on our website and drive traffic to our Facebook page.

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

- 28th October – NEG will be presenting at Wavendon, at the Daneborough Expressway Action Group meeting
- 6th November – NEG will be presenting at Ludgershall Parish Council meeting

- 7th November – NEG will be presenting at a meeting in Botley
- 15th November – NEG will be presenting at the Grendon Underwood & Edgcott village meeting
- 26th November – NEG will be presenting at North Marston village meeting
- 9th December – NEG will be presenting at Ickford Village meeting

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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 communities, ecosystems and wildlife,
- **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*.
- **make sure** your Parish Council is registered as a Stakeholder. **You must be in it to stop it!**

Our County and District Councillors and the local MPs

All Oxfordshire County Councillor names & contact details can be found here:

<http://mycouncil.oxfordshire.gov.uk/mgMemberIndex.aspx?VW=TABLE&PIC=1&bcr=1>

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