

The Right Honourable, the Lord Adonis  
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Dear Lord Adonis

## **Cambridge to Oxford Expressway**

To assist the Commission's final report to Government later this autumn and following our last meeting in Oxford, I thought it helpful to write with my view on behalf of the Council regarding the emerging routes, particularly at the western end of the corridor, around Oxford.

I do not support an upgrade of the existing A34 or an alternative route to the west and north of Oxford City (Indicative routes 4 & 5 on the attached plans) as we do not believe this will best deliver the outcomes sought by your commission and believe the environmental impacts, disruption to residents and existing housing would be prohibitive.

However, if you are minded to recommend a route to the south of Oxford City for a new road, particularly indicative Routes 1 & 2 and their suggested slips (or potential alternative junctions) on the attached plans which seem the most logical, I would want our officers to engage with you and your colleagues for a constructive dialogue as soon as possible and before any final recommendation is made. Please note that I oppose Route 3 as it cuts through the AONB.

If the south of Oxford route materialises, then I am willing to participate in dialogue with my adjoining council, South Oxfordshire District Council and other Councils affected by the potential route, such as Aylesbury Vale District Council, and yourselves.

I hope this is helpful in your consideration of proposed routes and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely,



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Leader Vale of White Horse District Council

Encl. 2no. Vale Plans; Indicative Potential Expressway routes

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