



Map by CPRE based on available information

Further information and additional people to write to can be found on the following websites:

[www.SaveOtmoor.org](http://www.SaveOtmoor.org)

[www.expresswayactiongroup.com](http://www.expresswayactiongroup.com)

[RSPB](http://RSPB)

**NO  
EXPRESSWAY**

## Oxford - Cambridge Expressway

The Government has announced a proposal to build a major roadway linking Oxford and Cambridge, the Expressway. At the moment route options are still being considered with three route corridors identified. Each corridor has the potential to be devastating to the local environment.

For Oddington and our neighbouring villages two of the options (S1 and S2) could route the Expressway near us. Option S1 could route the expressway between us and Weston-on-the-Green.

Meetings have been held throughout the areas that have been identified as potential route corridors. Selection of the corridor will be made by Highways England who will make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Transport. Consultation has taken place but there is considerable concern amongst both the local communities and national groups that the actual need for an expressway has been sufficiently challenged and that alternative infrastructure upgrades have been properly explored.

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# What can you do?

## Sign the petitions:

Go to Friends of the Earth and sign the petition opposing the expressway <https://friendsoftheearth.uk/groups/oxford> and the petition at <https://www.change.org/p/the-secretary-of-state-for-transport-chris-grayling-mp-cancel-the-oxford-to-cambridge-expressway>

## Write to our elected officials:

Rt. Hon Chris Grayling MP - Secretary of State for Transport, who will be making the decision – [chris.grayling@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:chris.grayling@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP - Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs – [michael.gove@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:michael.gove@defra.gsi.gov.uk)

Highways England – [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk)

John Howell MP – MP for Henley Constituency - [howellim@parliament.uk](mailto:howellim@parliament.uk)

Cllr Ian Hudspeth – Leader Oxfordshire County Council – [ian.hudspeth@oxfordshire.gov.uk](mailto:ian.hudspeth@oxfordshire.gov.uk)

Cllr Barry Wood – Leader Cherwell DC – [barry.wood@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:barry.wood@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

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## Here are some suggested bullet points to include in your letters:

- All routes will have a significant impact on the Oxfordshire countryside, destroying Green Belt.
- The transport priority should be the upgrade of the existing road network and the rail route between Oxford & Cambridge, including its electrification.
- Using existing roads would be more cost effective than building a new road.
- Specifically, Route S2 will have a major impact on Otmoor and its environs.
- Otmoor and its surrounding area has a unique habitat of rare wetland and grazing floodplain.
- Otmoor is a haven for wild life and rare birds including red listed species.
- Otmoor has a large RSPB reserve, SSSI's and ancient woodlands.
- Local residents frequently walk and ride on it, in addition to the many thousands of visitors who come to appreciate its natural history, remoteness, peace and quiet.
- Noise pollution from the Expressway will impact the local settlements and the wild life.
- In addition to the Roman Road which crosses Otmoor there are many other heritage sites which will be affected, including Beckley Park and Shotover House & Park.

But, for impact, you are encouraged to make your letters as individualised as possible, and not simply to follow prescribed content or format.

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