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| Rt Hon Louise Haigh MP,Secretary of State for TransportDepartment for TransportGreat Minster House, 33 Horseferry RoadLondonSW1P 4DRMonday 2nd September 2024Scrap unaffordable and outdated road schemes | ENROUTE GROUP CIC310 Wellingborough RoadNorthamptonEnglandNN1 4EPhttps://enroutecic.com |

Dear Louise,

We are writing today in support of Transport Action Network’s campaign. We welcome your government's announcement of a transport infrastructure review. This is long overdue, particularly in regard to new road capacity expansion schemes planned by the previous Government, which risk undermining the Government's decarbonisation plans.

We strongly welcome the cancelling of the A303 Stonehenge and A27 Arundel Bypass schemes. We hope to see other schemes such as the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine dualling, the M60 Simister Island project, the £1bn A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet scheme1, and especially £9bn Lower Thames Crossing scheme2 cancelled also, with funding instead prioritised on public transport and active travel investment.

We wrote to you recently, alongside a coalition of transport experts and campaigners, urging your Government to prioritise delivering high-speed rail to Euston and Crewe, and protect provision for future expansion. We believe these kinds of projects, benefitting the entire country by increasing rail capacity, should be prioritised over road schemes designed for local benefit, which history has shown us only increases traffic in the long-term. Increasing rail capacity will help get HGVs off of our road network through increased rail freight, cutting carbon emissions and improving safety, in contrast to road schemes which will induce more traffic. Much of the ‘high-speed spine’ we have called for could be delivered with the £9bn estimated cost for the Lower Thames Crossing alone.

Yours sincerely,

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1 National Highways: <https://nationalhighways.co.uk/our-roads/a428-black-cat-to-caxton-gibbet/>

2 BBC: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-essex-65961313>