



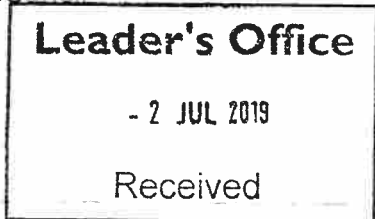
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Dear Cllr Hudspeth and Cllr Constance,

Thank you for your letter of 18 April to the Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP, regarding the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and the Oxfordshire growth deal. I am replying as the Minister of State for Housing. I am sorry for the delay in responding.

At Spring Statement, the Government reaffirmed its ambition to realise transformational economic growth across the Oxford to Cambridge Arc, supported by up to one million homes by 2050. The Oxfordshire Growth Deal supports delivery of 100,000 homes across Oxfordshire authorities. Housing delivery as part of the Oxfordshire Deal should be considered an integral part of the Government's ambition to unlock up to one million homes.

The Government is committed to delivering the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway and recognises the importance of consulting with local communities on this scheme. Highways England is currently developing a range of route options for public consultation in Autumn this year. This consultation will provide opportunity to comment on specific route options and on the overall case for the scheme.

I realise that uncertainty regarding housing and infrastructure proposals can be unsettling for communities. Please be reassured that we will work with you and your constituents on emerging growth and infrastructure proposals for the Oxford to Cambridge Arc.

Thank you again for your letter.

**KIT MALTHOUSE MP**