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The Rt Hon Chris Grayling MP
Secretary of State for Transport

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Reference: East West Rail:

Dear Mr Grayling

I wish to register my objection to the project to re-open the East-West railway line between Bicester and Milton Keynes for the following reasons:

This is a rural area which currently has increasingly serious problems with road traffic during peak commuting periods. Unfortunately, re-opening this section of railway line will do virtually nothing to alleviate these problems.

The majority of traffic using local roads during peak hours in this area does *not* involve people travelling from Oxford to Cambridge or visa versa, it involves people travelling from towns like Buckingham and villages like Steeple Claydon, Thornborough, Padbury etc., commuting to Milton Keynes, Northampton etc.. The idea that people will drive into Winslow (the only station on this route) from the outlying villages, catch the train into either Bletchley, Central Milton Keynes or Ridgemont stations, then have to catch probably multiple buses to get to their place of work, when they can simply get in their cars and drive door to door is simply ridiculous.

This line was closed in the 1960's for a very good reason, because even at that time, when only one household in ten had access to a car, people were still choosing to find other ways to commute from home to their place of work, rather than be subject to the inconvenience of trying to commute by train.

Re-opening this line, at a time when virtually every household in the area has access to a car (and many to multiple vehicles) and expecting people to leave their vehicles at home to commute by train can only be described as a triumph of hope over experience.

What this area desperately needs is a regular, efficient, economical bus service, which will collect people from their disparate homes and deliver them to their place of work. The quarter of a billion pounds plus which it is proposed should be spent on re-opening this railway line, would provide a good funding base for the introduction of a good reliable bus service in this area.

If the re-opening of this line were part of a comprehensive integrated transportation system for this area, it might have some credibility, but unfortunately it is not, consequently, I would urge you to refuse to authorize the initiation of this project.

With best regards

Alan Marlow (Mr)

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Angela Foster

From: Alan Marlow < >
Sent: 09 August 2018 15:01
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Re: East West Rail Link.
Attachments: Secretary of state 8-8-18.pdf

Please find the attached representation to the Secretary of State with reference to the proposed East West Rail link.

Thank you.
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