

Expressway update for Parish Council meeting 31/10/19 from Cllr Tracey Skates.

I attended a NEG meeting on 29th October. The key points are as follows:

There has been some positive action by some MPs who are coming out against the Expressway.

Cherwell District Council though have said that they want to see which route is chosen before making a decision. CDC Leader of the Council is Barry Wood who is also on the Arc Leaders Group.

Milton Keynes District Council want the East/West Railway to be electrified first before the Expressway is built.

The rumour is that the route options will be a mix of routes in B1 and B3.

Nothing will happen this year now due to the Election

The group are keen to get children involved initially in Brill.

There is a new group called the Radical Regeneration Manifesto – made up of property companies. They want to get increased powers over brownfield sites and compulsory purchase orders. Their first target is the Expressway and they will be lobbying for this.

There is to be a new petition launched and a pledge letter written that MPs along the Expressway route can sign and get publicity for those against the plans.

With both the General Election in December and the County elections in May next year, this is a great time to get their views before making a decision as to who to vote for. Questions should be asked at the local hustings if and when they happen.

Anti-Expressway signs are being discussed that get attached to the village name signs. The idea being that all local villages display them therefore strengthening the message.

These have been discussed with the subgroup and it is recommended that we ask the PC to purchase them for Worminghall if the other villages do the same thing.

Another discussion has been had about wildlife surveys in the local area and the subgroup are meeting to discuss this in November.