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Submitted to **Oxford-Milton Keynes Connectivity Study: Call for evidence**

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### 1 What are the key themes for the study area?

**key themes:**

See your own briefing on the subject.

Additional theme needed:

How will the objective of getting people back on to public transport be achieved, given that both the South East region and the Eastern Region have traffic levels above pre-pandemic according to the most recent figures?

### 2 What do you consider to be the key movements in the area?

**key movements:**

Considering the Arc as a whole: travel to work areas centred on Cambridge, Milton Keynes and Oxford with exceptionally few journeys of any mode Cambridge-Oxford.

### 3 What are the key connectivity opportunities and challenges within the study area?

**opportunities/challenges:**

Connectivity: the recognition that pandemic experience shows the resilience of communities under such extreme pressure is dependent upon the quality of facilities very close to where people live. Therefore neither connectivity nor mobility are key considerations, especially considering the low actual provision of facilities in new housing developments. Localisation is primary, not connectivity or mobility and especially for the young, the very old and those whose mobility is impeded through infirmity or the fact that they do not own a car, or do not drive.

Challenges: to get people back on to public transport and achieve road traffic reduction everywhere to cut pollution and congestion. Target setting should be instigated.

### 4 What interventions do you think the study should consider?

**interventions:**

Promotion of public transport by all councils, other public bodies and through vigorous promotion of Green Travel Plans for all private and public enterprises.

Promotion of home working as a step towards decarbonisation, with support for legislation to make flexitime available to most categories of employees.

Cancelling and freezing all trunk road schemes and using funds for active travel, bus and rail fare reductions and road repair.

### 5 I am responding to this call for evidence as...

An official representative of a business, local authority or other organisation

## About you

### 6 What is your name?

**Name:**

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### 7 What is your business/organisation?

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