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Oxford-Cambridge Arc proposals would make a mockery of PM's "levelling up" promises, say experts

The Government's proposals for the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, involving a million new houses and major new road building, would exacerbate the current health, climate change, and environmental emergencies. These are among the conclusions of a new paper by POETS (Planning Oxfordshire's Environment and Transport Sustainably), a group of professional and academic experts.

The Government has just announced a consultation on aspects of the Arc proposals.

The POETS paper also concludes that the proposals for the Arc would run directly contrary to the Prime Minister's commitments to "levelling up" the country. Chris Cousins, one of the authors of the paper, said: "The Arc proposals have no democratic mandate or public support, and are an example of top down planning of the worst kind.

"Recent local and by-election results suggest that a great many members of the public share our concerns."

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Note for Editors

The POETS paper can be found here:
https://www.poetsplanningoxon.uk/poets-oxcam-arc-critical-assessment-paper-210721.pdf

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