

**Report by Cllr Bob Johnston**

1. I hope that the speed limit on Hinksey Hill is now more or less sorted. If any further action on my part is needed, you only have to ask.
2. At its most recent meeting the County Council passed a motion expressing complete opposition to any Cambridge to Oxford Expressway, regardless of route. This was because such a project would have an unacceptable carbon footprint given that the County Council had declared a climate emergency. This was against the wishes of the ruling Cabinet.
3. The replacement of the bridge over the railway on the Ring Road will now cost much more than the initial estimate of £40 million. When there is a new firm figure, I will report it. I have not been told why the estimate has increased.
4. As reported on the news there is now to be a review of the Cambridge to Oxford Expressway. I am not holding my breath, especially as at least one senior Conservative locally has expressed the view that it will not change anything significantly. I believe that the review has everything to do with one of the main reasons the Conservatives lost over 40 Council seats locally and have experienced further opposition on the doorstep.
5. A joint Green/Liberal Democrat candidate won the Wallingford County Council by-election on 28<sup>th</sup> November. He replaces an Independent who used to vote with the ruling Conservative Independent Alliance. Given how many votes the ruling Alliance has won by just one vote since the 2017 County Council elections, this could be very significant.