

We are the main public health organisation in transport.

We wrote on 25th February to Andrew Stephenson about ways to expedite HS2 & Northern Powerhouse Rail, increase HS2's benefits and reduce its financial/environmental cost. We wrote 6th May to Grant Shapps and to Rishi Sunak about transport infrastructure. All three letters were supportive and intended to be helpful. We have not received a reply to any of them.

All three drew attention to the Woodhead Rolling Motorway, a proposal for vehicle and passenger carrying trains on a reinstated Woodhead route as an alternative to current road proposals. We had hoped that the case we made would receive consideration so we were concerned that at a recent PMQ the Prime Minister expressed support for the Mottram By Pass without referring to this alternative. We were also concerned that it was announced that planning has commenced on a Transpennine road tunnel without any reference to the rolling motorway alternative being considered.

We do not know why the Government would support a more costly, less effective and less ambitious scheme. We would have attached the original letters for ease of reference but you don't make provision for this

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