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WEST NORTHANTS LINK HAS BEEN TERMINATED.

A PRESS RELEASE FROM HARRY BURR, CEO.

Today, I must announce that West Northants Link will no longer be part of the Sustainable Transport Midlands family of campaigns and programmes. I am really sorry to make this announcement, but West Northants Link doesn't have a solid alignment, solid business case, and it is truthfully too ambitious.

West Northants Link has been with Sustainable Transport Midlands since the start – even before Sustainable Transport Midlands even existed. We were struggling throughout 2020 and 2021 to gain supporters of the scheme, from the likes of local authorities, parish councils, and even the general population.

We need to have a break and consider what went wrong with West Northants Link, because something did go wrong. There needs to be a cheaper, and a less ambitious alternative. Yes, connecting Daventry, Towcester, Brackley, among so many other towns and villages would've been a great idea, but we need to think of what situation we're in.

The country is in the midst of a pandemic, and while we're not saying transport usage won't return, local authorities, central Government, and LEPs just don't have the money to fund something like West Northants Link, unfortunately.

In the meantime, Sustainable Transport Midlands will be using their resources to campaign for Daventry Parkway to be constructed in Weedon Bec, along with a shuttle line connecting the new station to Daventry town centre itself, creating more opportunities for the town's population.

Thank you for being there for us during West Northants Link's lifetime, and we hope to come back with a great alternative to the link line as soon as possible.

Harry Burr.

About Sustainable Transport Midlands: We are Sustainable Transport Midlands, a sustainable transport campaigning group based in Northampton, East Midlands. We campaign for schemes such as new railway lines, bus routes, railway stations, and tram networks.