

Comprehensive Spending Review Suggestions

Please use these suggestions to help draft a short (or long) response to the Comprehensive Spending Review consultation in your own words. You don't have to use all of them and can add some of your own, but the more personal it is the better.

Thanks for your support!

Headlines

1. **Stop funding activities which deliver high carbon infrastructure** such as new roads:
 - a. Reallocate the £27 billion Roads Investment Strategy (RIS2): stop expanding the road network and deliver more sustainable outcomes, focussing on active travel, public transport and making existing roads safer and fit for the 21st century.
 - b. Investment in the Major Roads Network should focus on maintenance and improving active travel and public transport to maximise people movement rather than motor vehicles (which are less efficient users of space).
 - c. Housing Infrastructure Fund should only fund transport proposals that are sustainable, not more roads
2. **Increase fuel duty** to reduce traffic and to encourage people back onto public transport, ring fencing the funds for investment in public transport and active travel.
3. **Cut train and bus fares** to stimulate demand to get public transport back on its feet as quickly as possible
4. **Extend the plug-in grant to e-bikes.** It would be more cost-effective at reducing car use, congestion and pollution, than encouraging people to swap their petrol or diesel car for an electric one. It would be healthier, support the NHS and reduce long term road maintenance costs.
5. **Introduce a road haulier distance charge** to drive down empty running, reduce road maintenance costs and make rail freight more competitive and attractive to use.
6. **Invest in faster and more reliable broadband** for all areas to reduce the need to travel
7. **Tackle the £16 billion backlog in local road maintenance** which would create more jobs than new road building and be more popular

Scheme savings (if you want to mention specific roads)

1. **Abandon the A303 Stonehenge Tunnel** which will destroy a swathe of the World Heritage Site and save £2 billion
2. **Abandon the £8 billion Lower Thames Crossing** which will provide little long-term relief to the Dartford crossing

Remember – deadline for responses is 24 September