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Dear Amanda Solloway MP

**A38 expansion, Derby**
I would like to ask you, as my MP, to write to Grant Shapps at the Department for Transport, to ask him not to approve the A38 expansion in Derby. The Government and Derby City Council have declared a climate emergency, and it is imperative that we drastically reduce carbon emissions now to avoid a climate catastrophe. However, the A38 expansion will increase carbon emissions. The roadworks alone will produce a massive 131,000 tonnes of carbon, and the increased capacity of the A38 will encourage more cars, which will further increase emissions, as well as increasing pollution and traffic congestion in the city.

Air pollution is harmful to people’s health and to the environment, and trees are crucial in helping to mitigate the effects of climate change, improve air quality and reduce toxic pollutants in the atmosphere. Therefore, it makes absolutely no sense to remove trees to expand a road.

Instead of spending £250 million on this road scheme, we should instead be investing in active travel and encouraging people to use public transport and to walk and cycle more.

We need to do everything we can to reverse or slow down climate change, reduce pollution and protect nature.

Please do everything you can to stop this destructive road scheme from going ahead.

Yours sincerely