

My Intervention on the Zero-emission vehicles, drivers and HS2 Ministerial Statement

John Redwood (Wokingham) (Con):

Many councils apply for grants in order to make changes to their local roads. When considering these applications, will Ministers ensure that they do not end up paying for schemes that cut local capacity on crucial roads and make drivers' lives a misery?

Mr Harper, Secretary of State for Transport:

My right hon. Friend makes a very good point about what we should prioritise when funding roads. He should know that one of the important changes I have made is to make sure that our active travel team is focused on delivering cycling and walking schemes that increase choice, rather than focusing on driving people out of their cars. I hope he will welcome that important change.