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In this submission I will not go into the long list of specific problems associated with these road works and their impacts on local environments and communities, which are of very significant concern. I would simply point out at a high level that despite the enormous cost and environmental impact, these projects will achieve nothing in the medium term except bind communities closer to their cars. Once demand has risen to meet the additional supply of road capacity (maybe 12 months?) there will simply be more people sitting in traffic. While I acknowledge many people prefer to travel by car, it is simply not practical for everyone to do so in a modern city. Therefore politicians need to provide leadership by facilitating a transition toward greater reliance on public transport and other solutions, which will be sustainable and ultimately be beneficial for all. Ultimately it's a question of what sort of city do we aspire to live in. Do we want to be more like London or LA?