

[Greens disappointed with High Court ruling on £27bn road building programme](#)



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The Green Party has expressed its disappointment with the High Court's ruling on a legal challenge to the government's £27bn Second Roads Investment Strategy (RIS2). [1]

Caroline Russell, Green Party transport and healthy streets spokesperson, said:

"It's very disappointing that the High Court has not upheld the legal challenge to the £27bn road building programme, but we continue to urge the government to halt this emissions busting policy immediately and will hold it to account on making sure its transport policy is consistent with its legally-binding climate commitments.

"There is simply no room for a £27bn road building programme in a climate emergency. It is inexcusable that this Conservative government wants to pave the way for more cars on the road, with more climate emissions, more congestion and more pollution, making life worse for communities across the country.

"In this last week we've seen terrible extreme rainfall events across the world, including flash floods in London. When is this government going to take the action that is needed and stop forcing through environmentally-damaging new roads while paying lip service to its role as chair of COP26?"

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<https://transportactionnetwork.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Court-protects-stability-of-roads-programme-over-climate-RIS2-decision-press-release.pdf>

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