

Johnson's bridge is exactly what we do not need

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Ben Wray from Scottish think tank Common Weal has the best summary on Johnson's infrastructure plans that I have read today. [As he puts it:](#)

The big infrastructure project that Scotland and the UK needs right now is not high-speed trains to London, or bridges to Ireland. It's ripping out every gas boiler in the country and sticking in district heating schemes in its place. It's making cities car-free by establishing high-quality and if possible free public transport systems and active travel routes. Decarbonisation within a decade is the infrastructure project of our lifetime - but don't expect Johnson to get that.

Ben is right.

Johnson has got it wrong, which is a phrase we will have to get very used to.

And we will all pay the price for this mistake.