



From [the Guardian newspaper](#) this morning comes this story, with a term I've never heard before:

Philip Hammond is being urged to earmark Â£7bn for new transport links in the "brain belt" spanning Oxford, Cambridge and Milton Keynes in next week's budget, and persuade local authorities to build the first new towns in half a century.

Brain Belt, that sounds like something a neurosurgeon installs to knock back the intelligence of an overly smart fellow. Donald Trump had one installed sometime in the mid-80s.