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North Dunstable By Pass

There has been 3 public exhibitions by the Highways Agency in December and January showing the proposals for the North Dunstable By Pass going from the A5 in the West to the M1. This will also incorporate the new Junction 11A of the M1. It was mentioned at the CVA EAGM on December 14th, so I hope that many of you went to see it.

The main issues with the scheme is that there is very little to benefit the village, despite the fact that we will be close to the road and the M1 junction will be in the Parish. We will not be able to get onto the By Pass from the Village, nor the M1, even though we are so close to the scheme. This is unacceptable to us that we have all of the development imposed on us with few benefits. We would require connections to the M1 and the By Pass to enable is to have a lorry ban. This could only happen if the By Pass was extended across North Luton to Streatley, so that they can also have lorry bans and benefit from the roads. Without the North Luton section, Sundon and Streatley would gain in traffic flow, so a lorry ban for us would be unworkable.

The other major negative is that the projected traffic flow through the Village after the road has been built would be an increase in traffic, by about 900 vehicles per day. This would be going towards the M1 Junction 12, as sites such as the Vauxhall Spare Parts works and the Camford Way industrial estate would also not be bale to join the motorway at 11A.

This scheme will have a considerable impact on the Village , so I urge you to make your comments known. If you missed the exhibitions, you can view the details at the following venues until 2nd March 2010:

Bedford Borough Council, Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford, MK42 9AP
Luton Borough Council, Town Hall, George Street, Luton, LU1 2BQ
Central Bedfordshire Council, The Council Offices, High Street North, Dunstable, LU6 1LF
Houghton Regis Town Council, Council Offices, Peel Street, Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, LU5 5EY,
Dunstable Town Council, Grove House, 76 High Street, Dunstable, LU6 1NF.

You can send your thoughts in writing to:

A5-M1 Link Team,
Highways Agency,
5 Broadway,
Broad Street,
Birmingham, B15 1BL

Or by email to: A5-M1Link_Dunstablenorthernbypass@highways.gsi.gov.uk

On a highways related theme, we obviously have had problems in the village with the snow and ice. The grit bins have been stocked up occasionally, but this is just about enough to cover the roads. Please do not use this to keep your drives and pathways clear. It is for the roads and there is no point us residents in the Heights being able to walk to our cars on the drive but not get the cars onto the roads.