



259 Bourne Road

SPALDING

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31st December 2019

Councillor M J Hill Esq OBE

Lincolnshire County Council

County Offices

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Dear Mr Hill

SPALDING WESTERN RELIEF ROAD

We write as residents of Bourne Road and have concerns regarding the above Relief Road. We visited Spalding Council Offices earlier in the year and spoke to a planning officer and were given to understand that our property was outside the safeguarded road corridor and that our property would not be affected by the proposed road.

We now understand that following the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee meeting on 9th December that Route Option 4 (Trojanwood) was recommended as the proposed route. Apparently although this route is feasible at present, this is not the route that is being recommended to the Executive on 7th January as Route Option 3 (Central Route) is the recommended route. If the Trojanwood route is taken forward as an alternative route then the Lincolnshire County Council will need to seek further legal advice and that there are planning issues as the route is outside of the South East Lincolnshire Local Plan identified Safeguarding Corridor. What is the point of having a safeguarded corridor if the goalposts can be moved?

As regards the Route Option 3 (Central Route), the residents involved found out about this route in February and have been able to campaign against it since that time. However, residents such as us only found out about the proposal to go for Route Option 4 (Trojanwood) on 9th December. Why have we not been given the same amount of time to argue against this route? We have had little warning and this is not a fair situation.

We are both in our 70's and this is causing us great anxiety particularly in the light of the fact that we were told that the road would not be going anywhere near our property.

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Surely a good route would be through the existing allotment site and the GMK site alongside the allotments. There would be no necessity to take out any residential properties on Bourne Road. We are led to believe that GMK would be happy to move and have in fact looked at another property. We heard that there is a proposal to build a school adjacent to Monks House Lane. There is already much congestion with the Pennygate School and building another school so near would create an even greater problem with school buses, etc. There is sufficient land to move the school to a better position.

Another aspect here is the wildlife. We know there are badgers in this area and water voles.

There are still questions unanswered and we hope therefore that you will consider our comments very carefully and that the Committee will come to a logical and practical decision.

Yours sincerely

Adrian and Sally Fordham

P.S. This letter was taken to the post office but their computers were down so we were unable to send it on 31st December. However, we have just seen the media article which states that the Executive is expected to rubber stamp the December 9th recommendation of the Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee. This is a presumption as there are several issues to consider with the Trojanwood route, particularly as this route is outside the Local Plan. The properties around this site are going to experience disruption and there is also the question of pollution. If this route goes ahead then will we be compensated. This is looking like a foregone conclusion before the meeting has even taken place and this is not a fair situation.