

ROUTES FOR THE HEREFORD BYPASS REVEALED

Herefordshire Council have published a shortlist of seven routes for a western bypass for Hereford through Breinton. There is a map elsewhere on this website along with the Council's reports. The Council's Cabinet met on Thursday 18th January, approved these routes and agreed to fund further work including a public consultation.

The Parish Council's position

In contrast to Herefordshire Council your Parish Council has always opposed a bypass on the basis that:

- it will not solve what is often referred to as Hereford's congestion problem,
- a new road will be hugely expensive, not offer value for money and destroy peoples homes,
- a bypass will inevitably cause significant environmental harm to the Wye Valley Special Area of Conservation (A SAC is Europe's highest level of environmental significance and protection) and site of special scientific interest (SSSI). The river valley through Breinton has exactly the same environmental importance and protections as the Lugg Meadows to the east of the city.
- local people have consistently told the Parish Council that a majority of residents oppose the proposed new road and that you expect councillors to represent your views.

This is another chance to tell us once again what you think both in favour and against the proposed bypass.

Route description

The seven routes on the shortlist cross the River Wye either just east or just west of historic Warham House in an attempt to avoid ancient woodland as far as is possible and to simplify bridge building across the river gorge. The routes then follow a variety of courses across open countryside however most pass very close to Warham Farmhouse. Travelling further north across open countryside the routes come to one of three potential crossing points on Kings Acre Road that roughly correspond to the existing field gates to the east, to the west and directly opposite the Bay Horse public house. There will be a new junction at one of these points on Kings Acre Road. The routes then move north out of Breinton towards another junction on the Roman Road.

Homes will need to be demolished along Kings Acre Road and the Parish Council have been told that the residents most affected have already been notified by Herefordshire Council.

Consultations

Whatever Herefordshire's consultation process involves; the Parish Council will arrange one or possibly more public meetings in the village hall in the weeks ahead. Details of these meetings will be posted on this website. It may not be possible to advertise meetings in advance in future editions of the Teamtalk magazine (delivered free to every home in the Parish) so please keep your eyes and ears open.

Please look at the notice boards across the parish, on this website and in the Hereford Times – County Times section - for future announcements. Please also contact your parish councillors or the parish clerk for updates and to give us your views. Our contact details are always available on the

back page of Teamtalk and here on this website. It is really important for the Parish Council to get the maximum input from you all and that you do take part in Herefordshire Councils formal consultation when it starts in February.