

My name is Val Rodgers and I am a councillor for Bilton Ward.

Ever since this Bypass/Relief road was announced I have continued to receive expressions of concern from constituents in Bilton.

The residents have huge concerns that either the blue or green route will destroy an area of scenic and historical interest which is used by local people for recreation and leisure and will also have a devastating effect on the wild life in Nidd Gorge.

Walking ,exercise ,sunshine and fresh air are vital for us all, and our children.

These proposed routes will destroy a valuable green space resource enjoyed and used by many. Apart from Bilton residents many visitors come to the area,those who walk,run,jog,,ride bikes and indeed our local horse riders.

I am constantly asked for a more detailed description of the actual route rather than large felt tip lines on a map.

I ask again ,have those residents likely to be effected received any form of warning,like a letter or advice about compensation.

At a meeting I attended recently It was suggested that “it was a done deal”  
I myself said it was not.

However perhaps Cllr. Mackenzie could confirm this in one of his Harrogate Paper articles.

My concerns remain that either of these Bilton routes are an excuse to build in the Bilton Triangle.

We should be considering other forms of transport rather than an expensive bypass called a relief road.

The bus routes in Bilton are good but would be better used with more bus shelters(I have so many emails about this.)

We need to promote more car sharing.

Finally you need to look at other options to relieve the traffic rather than a By pass/Relief Road. When oh when are you going to get the town traffic lights synchronised properly ,that would be a good start and of course get the Woodlands and Leeds Road junction lights sorted as well.

I am not convince a Bypass/relief Road anywhere will solve our traffic problems but simply put more cars on the road.

Val Rodgers 12 March 2017

