

## **PROPOSED A556 BY PASS**

We understand that a requirement of the NID is that any new infrastructure undertaken by the Highways Agency requires adequate public consultation. With regards to the proposed A556 bypass they have fallen far short of this requirement.

The Summary Documents provided at the Public Consultation were incomplete in several crucial aspects. Very few of the properties on the west side of the A556 were shown giving the impression that the new road would be cut through open countryside. Residents on this side of the road were lulled into a false sense of security with this serious, and what would appear deliberate, omission. Cuttings and slip roads on the documents bear no relation to reality and again residents are unable to assess the potential impact.

The Highways Agency were obliged to deliver the Summary Documents prior to the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 when the Public Consultation began thus leaving enough time to alert the general public to the exhibition dates. Several deposit locations received these documents only days before and some even after the deadline of the 23<sup>rd</sup>. This left very little time for them to be distributed and in some cases very little information was given to the distributors.

The Highways Agency state 'the bypass will be environmentally friendly!' Explain why it is 'environmentally friendly' to carve through acres of existing green belt and valuable farm land.

This is a totally misguided improvement scheme. Improvement for whom? A few residents living alongside the A556. What about the residents in the rest of Mere, Tabley, High Legh, Millington and Rostherne? Will their lives be improved?

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