

The original request for a Tintwistle and Hollingworth Bypass was so that the people of those communities would no longer have to endure the terribly polluting, extremely noisy and seriously dangerous traffic that pounds along their main road every single day of the year.

I've walked along that road often and most of the houses were built before motorised traffic became a thing so its an uncomfortable and scary experience having huge lorries the same height as the old terraces almost skimming your shoulder.

The houses are constantly covered in thick dirt from diesel and kicked up muck.

The people who endure these conditions have hoped for some kind of solution for decades.

I've lived in the Glossopdale area for 46 years and it has been that long at least.

The A57 Bypass comes nowhere near enough to address the communities of Tintwistle and Hollingworth's problems.

In fact the proposed link road will aggravate it and the Highways Department, I believe, knows this. It will simply attract more traffic to our area and make the situation far worse in terms of pollution, noise and increasingly longer travel times, not shorter.

In the light of recent scientific developments and increasingly popular opinion concerning accelerating climate change, the need to reduce poisonous carbon emissions and the need for people to be more physically active, the objective should be to stop or at least minimise all new road building and find greener alternative solutions, such as re-opening old train routes, which already exist and run parallel with the A628, better local electric bus services

and greater promotion of bike and e-bike use, with easily accessible and safe cycle paths adjacent to every road.

The A57 link road is backward looking, has not been designed with creative, progressive or empathetic understanding.

The vast amount of money it costs would be better spent in the ways I've suggested, would link in with Greater Manchester's push in this direction and might actually save money with some care and forethought.

It might become an international example, especially post Glasgow COP and the UK s hosting of the event, of what can be achieved with some mildly radical thinking.

The British are often world leaders in civil engineering and new technology, let's see if we can pull it out the bag again.