

For around 60 years, a Mottram-Hollingworth-Tintwistle Bypass has been promised to the long-suffering residents of those three villages. The need for the bypass became critical from the 1970s following the construction of the Hyde bypass - now the M67 - to the west, and both the Stocksbridge bypass and junction 35A on the M1 (which simply says 'Manchester') to the east. The bypass would start at the end of the M67 at Mottram-in-Longdendale and join the A628 to the east of Tintwistle on the edge of the Peak District National Park. This will take ALL cross-Pennine vehicles, including the large number of HGVs, travelling between Greater Manchester and South Yorkshire away from Longdendale. Air quality would increase immeasurably, and the quality of life for all residents in the local area would be greatly enhanced. I am simply aghast by your current proposal. It is appalling and mind-bogglingly nonsensical. I dub it 'a half-baked, half-a-bypass'. It is NOT, repeat NOT, the bypass that long-suffering residents and businesses have been promised for 60 years. The half-a-bypass starts/finishes half way up the greatly congested Mottram Moor hill - this is a complete nonsense. Highways officers themselves admit that if this half-a-bypass is every built it will INCREASE traffic flows in Hadfield - where I live - and Glossop. I feel terribly sorry for any residents in Hollingworth whose lives will be even more of a misery with increased air pollution levels. Tintwistle residents will continue have standing traffic through their village. In conclusion, please scrap this half-baked, half-a-bypass proposal as soon as possible, and either reinstate plans for the full bypass or simply leave things alone and go back to the drawing board.