

Council response to question raised by Christine Fishwick

22nd June 2021

Question - *'If the existing 'B' roads exiting the A1M were broadened, passed Little Burdon, with a new alternative turnoff to the A19 leading to Teesport, this would improve traffic flow and reduce the devastation to trees and farmland. Why has this not been considered?'*

Council Response - I think the issue relates to an alternative route to the proposed Darlington Northern Link Road (DNLR), though it is not completely clear which route Mrs Fishwick is referring to. The DNLR is not part of the Local Plan so the comment/query may not be pertinent to the examination. I consider that the alternative route that Mrs Fishwick refers to is most likely along Bishopton Lane/Elstob Lane (this has been referred to as Sedgfield Back Road in the examination) which connects the A1150 to the east of Great Burdon to Junction 60 of the A1(M) at A689 Bradbury Interchange. This road is a classified unnumbered (C class) rural road and does not meet the standards set out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) in terms of its horizontal and vertical alignment, width, construction, design of side road junctions, drainage, lack of footways/cycleways, lighting etc. It also passes through the villages of Bradbury and Mordon which are covered by weight limits. The route is completely unsuitable as a distributor road to the Strategic Road Network.