

REASONS TO CHALLENGE THE HEREFORD TRANSPORT PLAN

ENVIRONMENT AND LANDSCAPE

1. Natural England letter to Herefordshire Council Nov 2011.
“The Council is aware that Natural England does not support the relief road proposal. We maintain our view that transport investment should focus on managing demand and prioritising environmentally sustainable, low carbon modes and technologies.”
2. A river crossing at Warham in Breinton would destroy the historic landscapes painted by the Herefordshire artist Brian Hatton and the setting of the Breinton Springs scheduled monument. These landscapes have remained unchanged for hundreds of years.
3. The proposed Bypass will destroy open countryside and high grade agricultural land, severing quiet lanes and the tourist cycle route that passes through historic orchards.
4. Breinton was identified by the Victorians as the “Green lung” of Hereford as prevailing winds bring fresh air across the City. Building a high level bridge in Breinton will allow pollution (air pollution, light pollution from headlights, noise) from extra cars and lorries to spread across the whole City.
5. Any accident on this bridge would pose a pollution risk to the City water intake just a short distance below the proposed River crossing.
6. Building the Bypass to the West of Hereford through the Three Elms area poses a risk to an important geological Water Protection Zone which is the main source of water for the 2 largest employers in Hereford, Cargill and Heineken. Pollution risks over 3,000 jobs and also the jobs of their local suppliers.