

REASONS TO CHALLENGE THE HEREFORD TRANSPORT PLAN

VALUE FOR MONEY OR WASTE OF OUR MONEY ?

1. What evidence is there to show that £132 Million spent on a Bypass will improve transport choice and reduce the high level of short car trips in Hereford?
2. CPRE March 2017 have demonstrated that road building schemes never deliver the net economic benefits they promise. New road projects underestimate the economic value of the environment and the landscape. The bypass has not been shown to deliver better value to the taxpayer than alternatives to road building.
3. Herefordshire Council's Local Transport Plan consultation 2015 - local people gave priority to "improving access to services for those living in rural areas – by improving the resilience of our road network and by working closely with all transport operators to deliver a range of transport options **particularly for those without a car.**" (Responses were 40.61% 1st choice). The Council does not appear to be following the people's choice, but the lowest ranked choice of building new roads, which is the most expensive and least effective way to tackle urban congestion.
4. Road building discriminates against 17-20 year olds as 60% of these young people do not have a licence to drive. Overall 20% of adults in the UK do not have access to a car.