

Question 36 – “Could we have your thoughts on the anticipated Daventry Development Link (DDL), previously known as the Flore/Weedon Bypass?”

We shall look forward to it to lessen the traffic going through the village. Hopefully their won't be too much infill with houses.

Good idea for a quieter High Street but will perhaps be detrimental to local shops.

Good idea, been talked about for ever! so not convinced it will happen.

Fantastic idea! Lots of talk about it, but I'm wondering if it will ever actually get built.

If work goes ahead with the bypass and residential property in the village there will still be more traffic going through the village.

Did not want or need. Development of the link road will increase the development of houses and for too many of them. Against.

The road will have an impact on the village and change the character of the village. The suggested road, albeit under proposal, to assist with the expected increase in traffic volumes should Daventry expand, may have an opposite effect. There are no plans to upgrade other road infrastructure into Daventry from other directions. There is no conclusive evidence to therefore assume that the road infrastructure from just the A45 in one direction will alleviate the transport and road requirements. Road transport may come from other directions. From a village perspective there is a concern about over development and infill between the village and the link road. This should not be a sub-urban sprawl and there should continue to be some 'green areas'. The retention and support of local facilities to the village is important. It is all very well to say we need this and that, but a service can only exist or survive if the local population, is prepared to and actually does support it.

Told more about what's going on not afterwards.

Northern route best

Yes please and hurry up

Yes, definitely needed.

May lead to traffic problems rather than solving issues simply by moving large volumes of traffic from Weedon crossroads to NH.

This should be built as soon as possible.

Suitable for it to run parallel with the M1 to minimise disruption and noise levels.

Excellent idea, badly needed

Excellent if it enables less traffic in the village

We consider it a good thing and a definite improvement to the village

Yes please! As soon as possible.

I am very supportive of it.

good thing but unfortunately comes at a cost of housing being built here not happy

It is a necessary evil which we cannot prevent happening. Hopefully our village will become a little quieter and we will not get masses of traffic coming through when the M1 is shut.

Without bypass there will be considerable safety issues in any proposed expansion of village

Very pleased with chosen route following motorway however it opens up land for building. Flore needs to remain a smaller village.

This would be good for the village. Less noise and pollution from the traffic particularly when there are traffic problems on the motorway. Village will not be split in half as it is now.

We agree to the bypass

This link will hugely benefit the residents of Flore; reduce pollution, road noise and danger to the public. The cars speed through Flore regardless, the articulated lorries do not slow down and are noisy and heavy. Flore is a small village to have such a major thoroughfare.

I would rather not have it if it means building all round the village and altering its looks and character.

It should be viewed as a priority, particularly in view of the anticipated housing developments

I have no problems with the traffic at present. Further housing would create a problem on the roads but the bypass may harm the few businesses we have in Flore.

This will be essential with increased development in Flore and with further development to the west of Northamptonshire and should include traffic restrictions through Flore, including weight limits, traffic calming and speed restrictions to 20mph.

Waste of money

I feel many villagers are not aware of likely quarrying from Flore to the M1 - all along the Nene Valley once the bypass is completed. Many more houses now have planning at Flore, Heyford and Weedon which will mean many more vehicles will join

the A45 at the proposed roundabout at Barrack Hill area. Weedon, Dodford and Newnham traffic badly affected. I think personally, as a Flore person of the 6th generation to have lived at the same address. I feel the bypass will eventually spoil the beautiful village of Flore. The garage, public house, post office/stores will struggle to survive and all the extra houses and infilling, which usually happens as other village bypasses have experienced, could spoil our village as we know it.

Required before 67 additional homes

The link is crucial to the development plans of Flore and would present a positive change of significance to the village.

Think it's a very good idea. The village will be a lot nicer with more of a community fee..

This needs to get done to reduce the traffic flow and speeding through village.

Will be very good for the village but will believe it when we see it started.

Nice idea; I doubt it will ever happen.

About time

It appears satisfactory

Very necessary but development must be controlled.

Should have been done years ago.

Long overdue

Will it ever materialise? If it is built will the village be able to keep the pub, the garage, the village shop/post office going without through traffic?

Bypass urgently needed

Agree with the principle but the chosen route seems a huge amount of investment for little value. The Route should extend beyond Dodford to reach effectiveness.

Having seen the proposed route it looks to be the best way for it to go.

A bypass would be of benefit to the village.

The proposed route for the bypass is good but short-sighted making it single lane. By the time its ready traffic numbers will have greatly increased and it will be inadequate.

Good idea; there will be less traffic through the village.

I would have preferred Daventry's access to the M1/motorway network to be via either the existing junctions around the DIRFT development or a new junction as the town expands towards Long Buckby. The coming of the bypass to Flore and Weedon should be solely for the purpose of relieving these villages of traffic and not an excuse or driver for new development, as this then creates precisely the additional pressure of numbers (people and traffic) which permanently changes the nature of the communities. Building a bypass and then allowing lots of new development negates the benefit of the bypass.

At last something to reduce the traffic but not enough. Cars & lorries will not pass the Flore turn at Weedon lights to join the new road they will turn at the lights and still come into Flore when coming from Towcester direction

look forward to it, but concerned for the shop / petrol station

in favour of current option.

Mixed feelings!

About time

Well it may well improve traffic flow through the village this may affect the only local shop which will suffer from a lack of passing trade.

My concern is that the route will not be a smooth transition from existing A45 at Dodford and there may be numerous junctions which will slow down/impede the free flow of the traffic and car users in particular will not use but continue through the village (at even greater speed). I think traffic calming measures will be necessary on the High Street.

Quieter road but would we lose our shop, garage pub, café & nursery

Bypasses are a two edged sword. Improving the quality of life for those on or close to the A45. The probability is that bus services will be reduced and that lack of passing trade will affect traders, possibly leading to their closure.

Essential before any further development of the village (including the planned 67 + 30 homes) Traffic control measures on existing A45 (speed bumps)

A very good development, long overdue.

We are very pleased that this is going ahead at last.

This has been needed for many years and i hope it will soon be sorted/completed.

It is needed asap

A good thing from a traffic point of view but may lead to more development in the future.

Quicker the better; waited far too long for one. Disgusting having to put up with the amount of traffic through Flore.

Good idea and long overdue. The village High Street is a nightmare when accident on M1

The perceived benefits of the bypass (reduced traffic, noise, accidents & pollution) are now being over-shadowed by providing an avenue for vastly increased developments. The result, turning a small village into a much larger one and thus losing the character of our much loved Flore.

This is much needed not only to enhance the village by reduction of noise and other pollution, but to increase safety for all. The proposed route is the favoured route in my opinion, but it represents poor economic sense not to include it as a dual carriageway from the outset. The cost of conversion when this is required will far outweigh the perceived budget savings now.

unnecessary + waste of money that should be better utilised

Excellent idea as long as it does not mean lots of new houses in the village.

Concern that there will just be infill from bypass to village. But delighted to lose the heavy trucks on the village road which is always of concern when there are so many children needing to cross along with the noise.

Should ease traffic for residents not good for local businesses

NEEDED MORE THAN ANYTHING

good idea

This is long overdue and the parish council/action group needs to campaign hard, now to ensure its delivered. It will be important to guarantee the excellent bus service through Flore is maintained post bypass. Again this needs campaigning for. Flore should not be allowed to be spoilt by large developments just because there is a bypass pending, or even when it is built.

No-one really wants a major road development on their doorstep but we all like to get to places quickly. As a road user i cannot object, but i fear for the village when the development is allowed up to the new by-pass (new hotel, filling station, more housing) and the existing facilities disappear. Flore could become another dormitory for MK.

Everybody over the country wants a bypass. The country is not big enough. This has been going on since 1935. Bypass suggested to be constructed alongside M1 or overpass leaving the village as a village.

In favour of planned northern route.

Safer roads and paths, less litter, Quieter village life.

The sooner the better; no more cancelled plans.

This has been needed for too long and will greatly add to the safety, peace and sense of community i.e. more connection with the Brockhall rd area.

In support of a bypass for Flore

Any development that cuts the flow of traffic through the village

Positive

Bypass will hopefully return the village (back to a village). Good links to motorway.

GREAT IDEA. ONLY ISSUE IS SUPPORTING LOCAL SHOPS AND BUSINESSES WITH TRAFFIC REDUCTION ALTHOUGH THE NEW TESCO AT WEEDON MAY HAVE DAMAGED THIS MORE ALREADY. THE REMOVAL OF HEAVY COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC WILL MAKE A BIG IMPROVEMENT TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

I hope the village doesn't get too quiet as a result. I hope the bypass is not too near to Collins Hill. I don't want to hear more drone of traffic than we already do from the motorway.

Should have been provided 30 years ago. We have been badly let down by successive councils and planners over many decades when smaller villages with less traffic have been bypassed. There is no confidence that it will ever be provided.

Great

I think it's a great benefit for the village. Should make the main road safer and quieter and improve value of houses. Also better for motorists who won't be slowed down going through the village. Will be good to get rid of the lorry traffic.

Northern Route preferred as best route but concerned about lack of passing trade on shop and garage after by-pass built.

Pleased it's finally going ahead - a very long time coming.

I think it will have a positive effect as traffic flow should be reduced i.e. lorries etc.

It will be nice to see it happen but we have been waiting so long not sure if it will ever.

Good idea but will not take all the through traffic (eg Wickes). Footpaths will be affected and need safeguarding should there be a weight restriction through Flore.

Not in favour as it will have a detrimental effect on some of the businesses i frequent.

Good idea; just taking too long to realise, i.e. money being wasted unnecessarily.

Long overdue.

Good thing.

The sooner the better.

It should be dual carriageway; signs on by-pass to help local businesses as some might have to close as they depend on the A45.

I fear it will affect existing businesses - ie shop, garage, nursery/cafe

Would benefit the village. Should invest in road narrowing of the High St, or even re-routing to allow more pedestrian use and more space and access for front gardens on High St.

Very supportive and needed to remove traffic and noise from village, although this will not be helpful to village shop/filling station/pub

This is needed urgently!! Long overdue

It should go ahead asap and allow Flore to develop; helping the young to afford to live here and use shop - buses - school. It should be allowed to be full of commuters and retired.

Brilliant, can't wait, our house suffers terribly every time a lorry passes

The village would be better without the through traffic diverting from the M1 and the A45/A5 junction is a bottle-neck. Loss of trade for our last shop is a risk though.

Flore desperately needs a bypass but I am not sure that the favoured route is the best one.

Can't come soon enough. Totally fed up with waiting to get out of Kings Lane onto A45. And when the M1 is blocked - well!!!. We have been being promised a by-pass (by whatever name) for as long as we have lived in this area (30 years Weedon then Flore) and, I am sure, probably much longer.

It will be good if you can get people to use it ie get sat-navs to recognise it.

We have only lived in Hillside Rd for 2 years and have noticed the massive increase in traffic. The bypass is essential if the village is to grow. Noise levels are increasing with more traffic and particularly heavy lorries. The bends at Flore Hill regularly see accidents usually caused by speeding.

This will obviously affect shop and businesses in Flore

I believe they have got it right this time.

A very good and long overdue project however it will need to ensure that the shop and pub remain as strong viable businesses. The down-grading of the High Street is a wonderful opportunity to create a newly enhanced linear 'village green'.

The Link road is not all good for Flore - Much of the land between the link road and the present boundary WILL be built on probably to excess. It is clear that the DDC has ripped up the rule book and has allowed it to become a free for all! Very disappointed!

This is important for our village; there has been an increase in traffic over the years and when there is a problem on the M1 this becomes a real problem mainly due to the bottleneck at the Weedon traffic lights. The traffic does not respect the 30 mph limit and it can take an age to get onto the A45 from the side lanes in the village sometimes.

No problem with this assuming it goes north of Flore following the M1.

Start ASAP.

I do not agree that Flore needs a by-pass as I think it will kill the village.

Generally positive but concerned living in the north of the village that we will become a prime site for further development. We will then move!!

So they want to get more traffic into Daventry but still using the single carriageway - badly marked and unlit. It does not make sense to me and also the few existing businesses in the village will suffer badly (if not shut). Then we all know what will happen. More houses built (infill).

Welcome

Having been talked about for the last 50 years it would be a benefit to the village if it ever comes to pass!!

I do not want a by-pass even though the by-pass committee have insisted everyone in the village does. The only people who will benefit from it are those living on the main road who hope their house prices will rise. It will not benefit the village at all but will turn it into a deserted place with no garage, no pub. The land will be in-filled with housing.

The Flore by-pass was talked about before we lived in Flore in 1952; so get on with it.

A very good idea. To be recommended. May be essential in coming years.

Good idea.

We want it to happen

It is about time this happened. Far too dangerous in the village.

I am not sure it is necessary. The small businesses that we have in Flore ie village shop, tea shop will disappear with a by-pass. Flore is a dormitory village therefore people generally do not join in community based projects. A by-pass with further development will not necessarily encourage a growing, healthy community.

Would welcome the by-pass. Been waiting for this to happen over 40 years.

Should have been done years ago

It is long overdue and should commence immediately. Presumably it will also intensify further development land (land enclosed in the road line).

Worried that village facilities may be lost eg garage, shop, pub.

Would welcome a by-pass but feel would ring fence areas for further intense development and Flore would become a suburb of northants and Daventry. Have concerns.

Very urgently needed as excessive traffic comes through the village and will increase considerably with any future redevelopment.

A very good project ASAP.

Looking forward to its completion; its very necessary.

Bringing the village together as a whole without the dividing of the A45

This is too late coming and now brings many disadvantages with it.

What a waste of money.

In favour as will reduce traffic noise where we live and will ease congestion when problems on motorway. Concerned that Neighbourhood Plan will ensure that this does not open the floodgates to over development in the future.

Now it has been confirmed as definite it may open up new potential for Flore, both for residential and business opportunities. An open mind on all proposals is required.

Not convinced by-pass required due to detrimental trade impact for village businesses and limited through traffic problems. Bigger concern is the development demand which could arise through the 'de-trunking' High Street.

Frankly i think its not required. Cannot see that it will save more than a few minutes on any journey. When there is a problem n the motorway the road will still get snarled up. Inevitably the by-pass will leave pockets of land which will be infilled with yet more houses. Any reduction in passing traffic will impact on the village shop, nursery, garage etc.

Long awaited. Should improve village greatly by reducing through traffic and improving road safety for pedestrians and reducing traffic noise generally.

Should help noise pollution.

mixed feelings

Good idea and about time, even if it will be closer to us than wanted.

long overdue and very welcome

i am personally pleased that the bypass looks likely after all these years but am conscious that for businesses in Flore which rely on passing traffic this may be welcomed,

Needs to happen sooner rather than later, all for it

I think the village would be a nicer place without the traffic on the A45, but I'm bothered that as soon as there is a road surrounding a village, developers instantly move in a fill the space between with houses.

I am certainly looking forward to it.

Generally good. Should be linked to improvements to the High St to make it more pedestrian friendly and some parking for the shop.

A necessary evil but if/when completed any land which lies between it & the village must not be built on because this Government's policy & build, build, build the character of English villages throughout the UK is being ruined by excessive new developments & infill.

Mixed feelings. We would welcome the reduction on traffic, but we are also anxious that Flore doesn't become an isolated backwater as a result of the bypass. In a way the constant flow of people and traffic keeps the village lively.

Very much needed - it will make a big difference to the village that would no longer be cut in half by the A45

I have a great concern that with this going ahead we will be pressurised/hood-winked into having a lot more housing and our fields inbetween the road and the village will be filled up as our original reasons will no longer stand and our infra-structure, amenities and services will be seen to be able to accomodate a large amount of housing and the original fields will be reclassified. I am however looking forward to a quieter village, but very much want it to stay a small village as these are the reasons I chose to live here.

The sooner the better

Don't know.

Yes please.

Approve of the route chosen

It has been needed for a long time

Traffic only seems to be a problem when the Motorway has a problem. I think local traffic will still use the village as a shortcut instead of taking the bypass.

It will spoil the countryside

It cannot come too soon

The road isn't required. Majority of traffic is as a result of motorway link to Daventry. Would be a better idea to create a junction 16a at Watford Gap. The road already exists to link to Daventry. Speed is issue not diverting traffic. HGVs could be restricted to move to m1. Pineham, Swan Valley etc. all come through village to link to Daventry. Junction 16a would prevent all HGV traffic which I consider to be too much. If its choice with bypass or slower traffic I'd rather spend money elsewhere. Sure new junction would be cheaper too as much is already in place and destroys less greenbelt

Yes.

Essential. Once in place we need traffic calming measures within the village

Bypass welcome but NOT housing development

The sooner the better.

I have never had a problem with the traffic on the main road, through trade will be lost, and then the risk of the village expanding up to the bypass - more green space lost!

I don't think it's needed more places like Towcester would benefit.

Not sure that the planned road will be sufficient in terms of future traffic capacity

Fantastic!