

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

A59 Mellor Brook Bypass Reassessment of Junction Design Standards

In March 1989 the Department published draft Statutory Orders under the Highways Act 1980, providing for a new road which will run to the north of Mellor Brook Village, starting at Myerscough Smithy Road to the west, and ending at Whalley Road to the east. The road is being planned to remove trunk road traffic from the village, and thereby generally improve the village environment.

Since publication of the Orders the Government has announced new national road traffic forecasts along with the introduction of new economic data. The proposed Bypass has now been reassessed against this latest information. As a result it is proposed to change the junction design for the new road at the point where the road will be linked to the village of Mellor Brook. In order to cater for the higher volumes of traffic now forecast to pass through this junction it is proposed to construct a roundabout junction at this point, instead of a single lane dualled "T" junction as proposed earlier.

The draft Orders affected by the proposed change are:

- (1) *The Samesbury-Skipton Trunk Road (A59 Mellor Brook Bypass) Order 199.*
- (2) *The Samesbury-Skipton Trunk Road (A59 Mellor Brook Bypass) (Side Roads) Order 199.*

The changes, while important in themselves, are minimal in terms of the effect on the published Orders. They cover alterations to a field access affected by the construction of the roundabout. A copy of the amended plan showing the proposed roundabout junction, together

with a statement explaining the proposed changes, have been placed on deposit at the following locations:

The Department of Transport, North West Regional Office, Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE.

The Committee Room, Mellor Brook Community Centre, 7 Whalley Road, Mellor Brook.

The Public Library, St. Mary's Gardens, Mellor, Blackburn BB2 7JW.

The County Surveyor's Department, Lancashire County Council, Guild House, Cross Street, Preston PR1 8RD.

The Chief Executive/Clerk, Ribbles Valley Borough Council, Church Walk, Clitheroe BB7 2RA.

Amended Order plans, showing the effects of the proposed changes, will be prepared in time for the Public Inquiry into the Mellor Brook Bypass proposals, which is expected to be held later this year.

A four week period is now being allowed for comment or objection to the proposed changes. These should be submitted in writing to the Department of Transport, North West Regional Office, Sunley Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE, before 8th August 1989. Any comments received will be put before the Inspector taking the Inquiry so that he may be aware of the views expressed when making his recommendations to the Secretaries of State for the Environment and for Transport.

Further information may be obtained from the Department of Transport on telephoning 061 832 9111 Ext. 3651/3653.

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