

Report of Special Parish Council Meeting of September 5th 1989
to discuss the County Council Road Strategy for 1990 to 2001.

Present: Mrs. L.M. Lock (in chair), R. Day, Mrs. J.E. Coston, E.M.C. Dunlop, J.F.C. Fisher, J. Harradine, Mrs. S.J. Snaith, R.T. Summerfield, D.B. Waterson, Cllr. M. Leeke, the clerk S.J. Daniels, Mrs. D. Spink, Chairman S.C.D.C., Mr. J. Impey, Vice Chairman S.C.D.C.

Apologies received from Mrs. I.W. Chilton and R.J. Farrington.
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Mrs. D. Spink and Mr. J. Impey attended to hear Council's views having first paid a visit to the site of the proposed Milton Eastern by-pass.

Mrs. Spink pointed out that she and Mr. Impey were the South Cambs., representatives on the Select Panel formed with the City Council and County Council to review the road strategy.

J.F.C.F. felt the overall plan had much merit. He expressed Milton's opposition however to the Eastern by-pass:

1. The Eastern by pass would go through the only rural area of Milton.
2. It could well attract the same sort of development as on the Western side especially as the cost of the road might be met through planning gain.
3. The access to the river would be cut off.
4. The highway would be next to the proposed Country Park.
5. The land designated for the road was Green Belt.

He put forward possible alternatives:

1. A road along the Mere Way from North of Landbeach to the A45 with Western slip roads only. This would provide a good access point for the Science Park. East bound traffic would still use the present A10/A45 interchange.
 (It was pointed out by a resident that this scheme would entail dualling approximately 3000 metres as opposed to the 5000 m. envisaged in the County proposal.)
2. An Eastern by pass from a junction on the A10 between Milton and Waterbeach to cross the river North of Horningsea to meet junction 2 on the A45.

R.D. felt that the dualling of the A10 and improvements to the A10/A45 interchange plus the proposed new road into Cambridge East would possibly obviate the need for a Milton Eastern by pass.

He stressed chapter 5 of the Milton Local (District) Plan para 5.06

"The area of Milton Fen to the east of the village stands out as an interesting area of typical Cambridgeshire farm landscape associated with the River Cam, which should be protected from significant change. Footpaths to the river along Fen Road and along the bank of the river help to provide a valuable local amenity which will increase in importance with the growth in population. In addition, the area between the village and Milton Fen, which includes Milton Hall grounds and its environs, provide an important setting for the village."

and Policy 30:

"The area to the east of Milton village as shown on the proposals map, is designated as an area of important local landscape. It is desirable to preserve and, where appropriate, enhance the character of the area which should receive priority for additional tree planting and management."

J.E.C. suggested the possibility of flyovers to the Science Park from the A45.

In answer to S.J.S. Mrs. Spink explained that it was not possible to forecast the numbers of people living in the proposed new town on the A10 who would travel into Cambridge for employment. S.C.D.C. had built into their new plan that 30% of the housing should be "social" housing.

Milton residents were invited to give their views.

1. The findings of the Village Voice appraisal had so far pin pointed the environment and traffic as the two most important concerns of the village.
2. A large percentage of the population did walk to the river as part of their recreation.
3. The proposal published in the C.E.N. for the development of Landbeach Marina could well have an effect on the road system. (S.C.D.C. had not yet received any such application - Mrs. Spink).
4. The final position of the A10 when dualled would have an effect on the line of the proposed Eastern by pass.

Mrs. Spink thanked M.P.C. and the public for their comments which were noted. The S.C.D.C. understood Milton's position but the ultimate decision would be with the County Council as highway authority.

L.M.L. thanked Mrs. Spink and Mr. Impey for attending especially in view of their busy schedule.

Meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed... *Jessie McGowan Lock* ...Chairman... *2nd Oct. 1989* ...Date