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MILTON BY-PASS SPECIAL MEETING.

An informal discussion between members of the Parish Council and invited parishioners who appear closely affected by the preliminary proposals for a Milton By-pass held in the Farm School (by kind permission of Mr. Benfield, Principal) on Friday, November 23, 1974.

Present: Chairman of the Parish Council, Mr.D.Pearson; Parish Councillors, Mrs.M.E.Jones & Mrs.B.C.Watson; Messrs H.W.H.Easy, P. Kiddle, R.T.Summerfield & the Clerk to the Council, K.P.Humphries.

Mr. & Mrs.Neville Asplin; Mr. Benfield (on behalf of the Farm School Mr.&Mrs.Jack Barton (also representing Mr. J. Coulson) Mr.Jack & Mr. & Mrs. David Bull, Mr.M.&Mr.Graham Easy, Mr.Peter Goodin, Mr. & Mrs. George Rowlinson, Mr.F.Wilkin. 2 invitations had not been taken up (Mr.&Mrs.F.J.Carlton & Mr.&Mrs.A.J.Edwards).

Apology for absence from Parish Councillor, Mrs.J.G.Chinnick.

The preliminary nature of the Milton By-pass proposals were summarised for the benefit of the meeting by the Chairman, Mr.Kiddle and the Clerk: while the route was far from definite the Parish Council felt that it would be useful to hear the views of those parishioners likely to be closely affected as it was probable that once the route had been decided there may be little opportunity to suggest changes to the Authorities. Those invited to the meeting had each received a copy of the preliminary proposed line as issued to the Parish Council by the DCE.

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The Clerk read a letter from the Regional Engineer in charge of the Northern By-pass (Mr.H.Lawrence) received only that morning in which Mr.Lawrence stated the intention was to publish the side road orders including the details of the Histon and Milton interchanges on the Northern By-pass, in the late spring of 1974 together with proposals for the Milton By-pass. The present programme was to commence construction of the Northern & Milton By-passes in mid-1975.

General discussion was then taken up for about an hour and half.

Mr. Rowlinson and Mr.Graham Easy drew the meeting's attention to borings by traffic engineers recently carried out on Mr. Graham' Easy's land - slightly west of the preliminary Milton By-pass line.

The Clerk commented he had made specific inquiries of both the County Surveyor's Dept. and the E.R.C.U. Regional Engineer as to whether any modifications of the preliminary line were being surveyed Both Depts. knew of none.

It emerged from the discussion that the northern end of the Milton By-pass line was generally accepted by Mr. Asplin, Mr. Benfield and Mr. Bull - the latter preferring a line to the east of Restory Farm-house rather than to the west. There was also general agreement that a majority would benefit from a line to the west of Mr.Coulson's and Mr.Rowlinson's. It was felt particularly it would be most regrettable to 'cut off' these two residences from the village as they would be if the preliminary line were followed; a more westerly line would also have the advantage of preventing the obliteration of Mr. Graham Easy's farm buildings, although he would still suffer if the line cut his field to the west (adjacent Mr.Coulson's); Mr.Wilkin's land however on the preliminary line would be unaffected by a more westerly line.

Sketch maps of various modifications of the line were circulated to those present for comment. Modification involving a greater length of route were not favoured as likely not to gain approval on grounds

of cost.

It was finally agreed that the Parish Council would prepare a plan keeping the route as short as possible and with the minimum of changes compatible with the wishes as generally agreed above. This to be circulated to those who had attended, for further comment, before submitting any suggested modifications to the engineers.

The Chairman thanked all who had attended and also Mr. Benfield who had once again provided us with a comfortable meeting place.