

This Council Notes:

The lack of progress from neighbouring Kirklees Council in pursuing a much needed bypass to ease congestion at traffic clogged Flockton Village, which would also significantly improve traffic pressures in Wakefield Rural Ward, if a Bypass was built.

That there has been no perceivable benefit from the recently introduced 20MPH Speed Limit through Flockton, as it still continues to be a cut through for motorists and H.G.V's

The A637 Barnsley Road, which snakes through the village, connects with Wakefield at Middlestown and brings additional traffic flow pressures into Wakefield Rural Ward and the District as a result.

That a Bypass would be hugely beneficial to both neighbouring authorities.

That Kirklees Council debated a Deputation from Local Councillors from the Kirkburton Ward of Kirklees Council on Wednesday September 18th 2019 at a meeting of their Full Council, in an effort to progress this vitally important matter for residents on both the Wakefield and Kirklees sides of the A637 that adjoin Flockton.

The cross party support for a Bypass from the Labour Party and their local M.P's, for Dewsbury and Wakefield Constituencies.

This Council Resolves:

- To ask the Chief Executive to write to the Chief Executive of Kirklees Council confirming Full Council's support for this much needed Bypass
- Its support to Sitlington Parish Council, concerned local residents and the local action group, established to support a bypass around the village of Flockton and to manage traffic flows through the village of Middlestown from the A637 via Hardcastle Lane.
- That Council Officers investigate and bring forward proposals at the earliest opportunity to seek to alleviate the movement of HGV's and associated traffic problems within Middlestown via Hardcastle Lane.
- To ask Officers to enter into dialogue with Kirklees Council to see what assistance Wakefield Council can offer to pursue the need for a By-Pass

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