

The Road to Nowhere...



The Highways Agency argues we need a bypass in Longendale. The scheme would be nearly 6km long and end in the National Park.

Swallow's Wood is an area of natural beauty threatened by the scheme. Everyone acknowledges there is a problem with traffic but we disagree that a bypass is the solution.

Bypasses are proven not to reduce congestion long term

As soon as they are opened traffic increases and we're back to the same old jams.

They are a waste of money

The cost of the bypass has doubled since 2003 to nearly £200m and its bound to rise further. Cheaper, more effective solutions to cutting congestion exist.

New roads are a threat to our environment

Road transport contributes around 20% of the UK's carbon emissions, we should all be working together to reduce this figure and protect our local environment.

Save Swallow's Wood

We believe cheaper, better solutions exist that will target the causes of congestion while making our roads and towns safer, better places to live.

Alternatives include:

Remove HGVs from the Peak District National Park

These lorries are a danger to our health and our safety and should be kept to the motorways.

Invest in public transport

Better buses, cheaper, more regular services, a new tram link, school services, travel plans for local businesses and improvements to footpaths and cycleways.

Re-open the Woodhead tunnel to rail freight

Invest in the sustainable, long term future of local industry in our region with a rail-freight link between the M1 and M60.

We're asking....

...the Highways Agency to shelve their plans for a bypass for good

...politicians to sit down with local people and discuss sustainable transport options that benefit local people and the environment

Join our campaign and to work together to improve the quality of life in our area.

Three things you can do

- 1) Join our campaign at www.saveswallowswood.org.uk or by calling us on **0845 226 3392**. Make a donation.
- 2) Write to your **MP, Councillors or local press** to voice your opposition to the scheme.
- 3) **Visit Swallow's Wood** and enjoy our local countryside.