

**LOCAL ELECTED MEMBER REPRESENTATIONS – ELY SOUTHERN BYPASS
– COST AND ADDITIONAL FUNDING REQUIREMENT.**

**A) From Cllr Richard Hobbs Right Worshipful Mayor of the City of Ely
Councillor for the City of Ely Council and District Council for Ely East**

Dear Cllr Bates

I am writing to you not only as Mayor of the City of Ely, but also as the Ward representative for Ely East for both District and City Council, in support of the recommendation being put to Committee to allocate further funds for the completion of this vital project.

The Ely Bypass has huge benefits for the City of Ely as it connects the A142 at Angel Drove to Stuntney Causeway, including bridges over the railway line and the River Great Ouse and its floodplains. We have suffered from severe congestion in and around Ely for many years as well as the damage caused to our roads and historic buildings because of the heavy traffic that use Ely as a thoroughfare.

The residents of Ely, Soham and the surrounding villages have welcomed this solution and want it completed as soon as possible. We understand the complexities of such a venture, building as you are, over the floodplains and within a Heritage area but were pleased that such care had gone into designing a quality bridge which would not only improve the City but also provide a landmark in its own right. The walkway will also be a tourism feature as it provides stunning views of the Cathedral.

We need the completion of this project now and I would urge the Committee to support the recommendation to provide the necessary finances to do this.

B) From Councillor Bill Hunt

I am the local County member for the A1123 which goes from Downfields Roundabout at Soham (on A142) through Wicken, Stretham, Wilburton, Haddenham to Earith Bridge. I am also a resident of Ely.

The A1123 has had many fatal accidents and in Wilburton one particular house has been "written off" twice by traffic that was travelling too fast and left the road. "My" villages have many old houses that are close to the road and HCVs travelling from the East Coast ports to the North/Midlands shake them to their foundations and splatter their windows with mud and general highway muck.

The villages I represent are beautiful and are wonderful communities but they have one dividing issue.....traffic!

The people I speak up for and the many residents of Ely that I know want the by-pass operational and finished "yesterday". They don't want delays, they don't want "holding areas", they don't want tunnels, and they don't want endless debate.

(1) The new by-pass will take traffic off the A1123 and that what is urgently needed.

(2) The new upgraded A14 will also reduce the traffic through the A1123 villages and this is needed asap.

(3) I am aware that HCV freight Ferry capacity direct between Ireland and France is being dramatically increased when we leave the EU. Anything that decreases the Heavy Goods vehicle numbers using our county as a convenient transit route must be welcome.

Anything that speeds up any of these three situations should be welcomed and encouraged.