

# BYGRAVE PARISH COUNCIL

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## WINTER 2024 NEWSLETTER

### URGENT PLEASE READ

To the Residents of Bygrave

We hope you are all keeping well.

I understand that Urban & Civic the Planning Consultants for the Baldock expansion has had update meetings with Baldock and surrounding villages impacted by the proposed new development.

I have finally received a date when U & C will give the same presentation to the Residents of Bygrave.

**It is of importance that all attend, as there are proposed impacts to all - particularly Bygrave residents - by the amendments to road layouts as I last understood them**

The main impact to Bygrave is that there is a proposal to shut Ashwell Road from just below the bottom village. Our road will become a greenway with no vehicle access to Baldock only by foot or cycle.

This means that to go to Baldock we will have to join all the traffic from 3000 dwellings from the new estate at the new roundabout on the Ashwell Road up to the roundabout on the Royston Road / A505 junction. Down Royston Road through the larger industrial area (extra vans and HGVs) to the awful traffic lights at the A507 / Buntingford road junction and return home the same route

There will be no left turn at the same junction from Whitehorse Street onto the A507 to go past or into the station and no entrance to Ashwell Road. That proposed route will be via South Road up to the Clothall Buntingford Road roundabout to the traffic lights and onto Royston Road

For us to go to the A1 this will be via the new estate road which will join the A507.

There is also a proposal that under the rail bridge the road will be single traffic both ways controlled by traffic lights synchronised with the Whitehorse Street lights. This is to enable a cycle track under the bridge.

I stress this is the last I heard and I have made strong representations against all of the above. You may disagree with my stance - so this meeting is for you to air your views.

**MEETING 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 6.15PM-7.30PM AT THE ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTRE BALDOCK**

Philip Hills  
Chairman Bygrave Parish Council