

Unit 20: Local traffic - an environmental issue



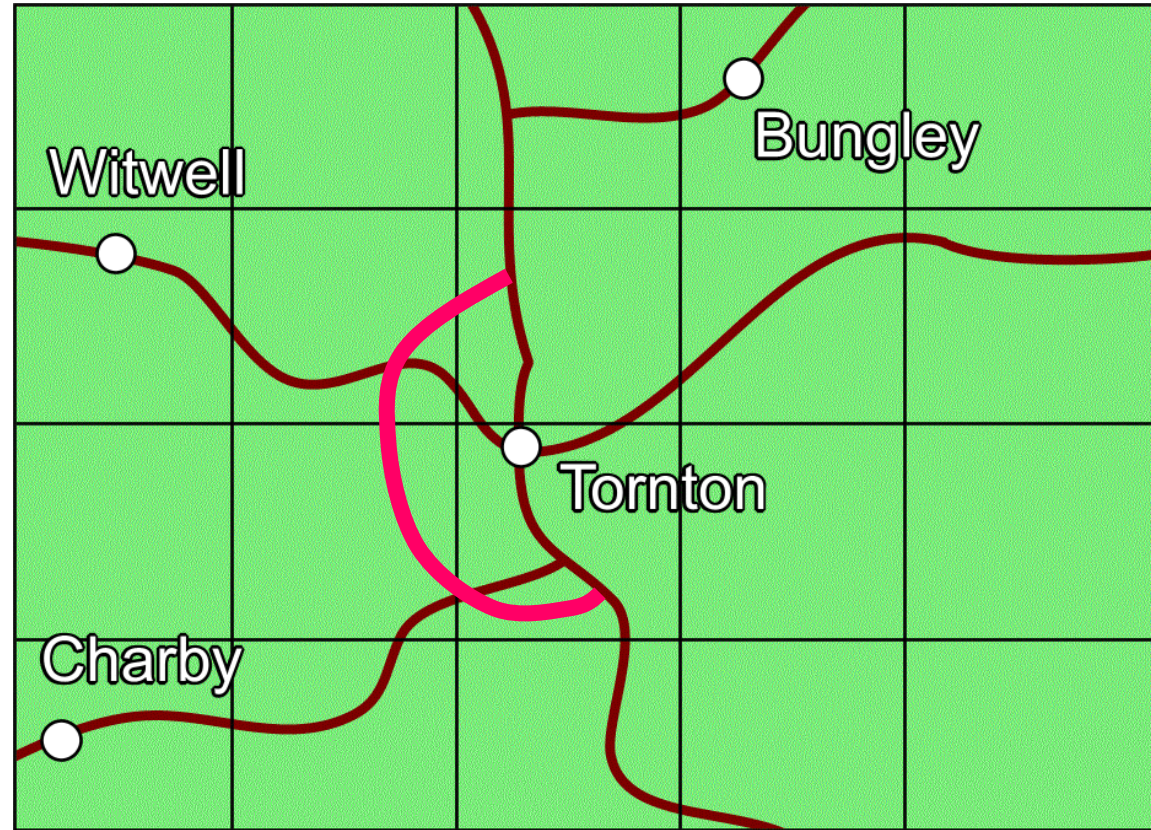
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What is a bypass?

A bypass is a road which is built to reduce traffic in the centre of a town by providing a short cut around it.

This means that drivers wanting to go through the town do not have to go into the centre and create traffic problem.

The pink line shows how a road could be built to bypass Tornton.



What are the issues involved in constructing the by-pass?

| Advantages of the bypass | Disadvantages of the bypass |
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| <p data-bbox="123 682 880 839">Traffic pollution and noise reduced in town</p> <p data-bbox="73 982 931 1139">Easier for drivers in the area</p> | <p data-bbox="1224 611 1572 688">Expensive</p> <p data-bbox="985 796 1812 1011">Damages the environment where it is built</p> <p data-bbox="1136 1139 1661 1216">Spoils the view</p> |

Where is the by-pass located?

The bypass is being built through the countryside, just outside Torton.

The building of the bypass will involve building through fields, and some trees will have to be cut down.



Why might people disagree with the route of the bypass?

What effect do you think the building of the bypass will have on the local environment?

Why is the construction of the by-pass an issue?



Building the bypass will cause a certain amount of damage to the countryside, as it will be built through fields and woods, and the machinery will create pollution.

BUT...

It will reduce the amount of traffic in the town centre of Tornton, which will reduce the amount of noise and pollution that the residents have to put up with.

What are the groups involved in the issue and what are their views?



the council

want the bypass

believe it will ease traffic problems in Tornton

think that the benefits are worth the cost



the protestors

don't want the bypass

think it is too expensive

believe it will be bad for the environment and will ruin the look of the countryside near Tornton