

SAY "NO" TO A GYRATORY

Labour Councillors lead opposition to two lane, one way system

Councillors Colleen Atkins and Ian Nicholls are strongly opposing the County Council's suggested gyratory system and will fight hard on behalf of local residents to stop it.

The proposal is to create a two lane, one way route along Shakespeare Road, Clapham Road, Union Street and Bromham Road.

Colleen said, "I'm totally opposed to a gyratory system. It would have a huge impact on residents, schools and businesses in the area in and around the Poets and Warwick Avenue areas ~ and especially on Shakespeare Road.

We agree with the many residents we've spoken with who are deeply concerned about the scheme. The whole plan is totally unacceptable and Ian, Patrick and I will fight hard to stop it.



Shakespeare Road, Clapham Road, Union Street and Bromham Road would be two lane, one way streets with all types of traffic using them.

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Ian said, "I don't believe the gyratory will help Bedford's traffic congestion and I'm concerned it will simply move the problem to other roads. The entire road network in Bedford should be reviewed before embarking on a gyratory."

Colleen and Ian believe the answer is to get the A6/A428 link road built and they are calling upon the Mayor and Councils to renew efforts and pull out all stops to make this happen.

Please contact us with your questions and comments, or for more petitions.

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SAY "NO" TO THE GYRATORY

We, the undersigned, are opposed to the proposal to create a two lane, one way route around Shakespeare Road, Clapham Road, Union Street and Bromham Road.

We believe a gyratory system will have a huge, negative impact on residents, schools and businesses in the surrounding area.

In particular, we believe a one way system would:

- encourage speeding along Shakespeare Road, Clapham Road, Union Street and Bromham Road.
- inconvenience residents, businesses and schools in and around the area
- have an adverse effect for residents, businesses and schools in and around the area
- encourage a 'rat run' through Linden Road, Warwick Avenue, Dynevor Road and Lansdowne Road.
- mean that Shakespeare Road would become a route for all vehicles ~ including heavy goods vehicles. This would change the character of the road and the area.
- not solve Bedford's traffic congestion problems.
- displace traffic congestion in a ripple effect to other junctions eg Kimbolton Road junctions with Brickhill Drive, De Parys Avenue, and other areas.
- not solve safety or congestion issues at Shakespeare Rd /Ashburnham Rd / Bromham Rd junction

We call upon Bedford Borough Council and Bedfordshire County Council to:

1. Immediately cease progressing the idea of a gyratory.
2. Review the entire road network in and around Bedford.
3. Work towards reverting Shakespeare Road to a non-main route.

We believe the A6/A428 link road should be built as a matter of urgency and call upon the Mayor of Bedford, Bedfordshire County Council, Bedford Borough Council and all other relevant agencies, businesses and persons to:

1. Immediately, renew efforts to get the necessary funding and processes to enable the A6/A428 to be built as a matter of urgency.
2. Do everything possible to make this happen.

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