



Land & Buildings Seend

Seend By-Pass Road

When an inquiry was held at Trowbridge by Mr E M Bull, for the Ministry of Transport, into the application of the Wiltshire County Council to construct a new section of road at Seend, there was considerable objection on behalf of the Duke of Somerset and other landowners and residents on the ground that the proposal would completely spoil what was described as the most outstanding residential village in Wiltshire.

The proposal was to construct a new road on entering Seend to the left of the village, and come out and connect up to the same main road at a point near the AA Box on the Devizes-Melksham road. The total length, being about 600 yards. It would by-pass the village, through which it was contended, that at the peak of the year 20 cars passed per minute, with a certain amount of danger because of the nasty bends at each end of the village.

Major W L Barton (agent for the Duke of Somerset), Mr R Morgan-Smith (the Manor), the Rev S G Schomberg (Master of Charterhouse), Mr T C Usher (himself a member of the County Council) and others opposed the scheme, particular emphasis being laid on the fact that it would practically ruin a parish which now remained one of the best features of Wiltshire villages.

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