



A422 Farthinghoe Bypass Summary of Consultation Results

Public Consultation:

The village of Farthinghoe comprises approximately 140 houses, and a leaflet (as shown at Appendix 2) was posted to each of these on Friday 27th November 2015.

Forty leaflets were deposited at the Farthinghoe Primary School and a further forty leaflets were distributed to other households within the Parish by the Clerk to the Parish Council.

In addition to leaflet distribution, publicity through local radio and local newspapers was undertaken to inform on the Public Exhibition at the Village Hall.

A web site was also set up and members of the public were invited to study the options 'on-line' and in addition complete feedback on their comments and preferences.

This wider publicity was to capture views and comments from members of the public outside the village environs and Parish who may use the A422 route or have some other interest.

Public Exhibition:

A total of 140 people attended the Public Exhibition over the 2 day period, as follows:-

- Between 1300 hrs and 1900 hrs on Friday 4th December 2015 – 90 people attended
- Between 1730 hrs and 2000hrs on Saturday 5th December 2015- 50people attended

All those attending the Public Exhibition were offered further copies of the leaflets and, unless they had already done so, were invited to return the questionnaire. The option was also given to respond to the questionnaire 'on-line'.

A closing date of 18th December 2015 was stated on the leaflet and emphasised to those attending the Public Exhibition.

Questionnaire Results:

A total of 176 questionnaire responses were received by Northamptonshire Highways.

117 returns were received from those using the tear off section of the leaflet and returned through the post.

59 returns were received on-line through the web site specifically set up for the consultation exercise.

Of the 176 responses, 137 were residents of Farthinghoe Village and the locality. A plan is shown at Appendix 2 identifying the specific residences who responded.

A total of 39 responses were received from non-residents. The majority of these were from people who lived in surrounding villages and/or used the A422 through Farthinghoe.

The following summary relates to the questions in the leaflet and on-line and is based on the 176 returns. Where appropriate, results have been split between residents and non-residents.

Question 1

Do you think Farthinghoe needs a bypass?

	Yes	No	Do not know
Residents (137)	107	24	6
Non Residents (39)	27	12	0
Combined (176)	134	36	6

Question 2

Which option do you prefer?

	Southern	Northern	No Preference None / Do not know
Residents (137)	28	78	31
Non Residents (39)	18	12	9
Combined (176)	46	90	40

Question 3

Would you want a bypass irrespective of which option is chosen?

	Yes	No	No Response
Residents (137)	77	57	3
Non Residents (39)	14	21	4
Combined (176)	91	78	7

Question 4

Which of the following factors do you consider most important in choosing an option?

	Limiting noise and pollution	Improve road safety	Protect landscape etc.	Protect wildlife ecology etc.	Value for Money	Remove traffic from village	Reduce delays for motorists	Keep visual intrusion low	Other
Residents (137)	65	80	37	22	23	74	33	42	42
Non Res (39)	4	16	11	4	2	7	8	4	12
Combined (176)	69	96	48	26	25	81	41	46	54

It should be noted that respondents were able to select any number of factors they considered to be important.

Question 5

If you do not support these options, what do you think we should do?

Many responses to this question were included on the responses received. These include those respondents that supported a bypass, including a route preference, and those that did not support a bypass.

A summary of the responses made is shown below:-

Summary of Comment	No
Downgrade A422 and improve B4525 /Prohibit heavy goods vehicles through village./ Resign route to B4525, A43 and M40.	28
The options are too close to the village and should be located further away. The southern route is too close to houses and moves the problem from the centre to the south.	19
The northern route would destroy medieval ponds and the yurt business and no bypass would be preferable.	4
The northern route would destroy the special landscape and impact on the grave yard / ash scattering area and no bypass would be preferable.	2
Reduce the speed limit through the village to 20mph.	1
The bypass should be placed in a tunnel.	1
Demolish the 2 buildings at the pinch point in the village.	1

In addition to the returned questionnaires, a total of eleven letters and e-mails were received. The comments contained within these, where appropriate, have been included within the table immediately above.

