

#### e. Headingley by-pass

The Minister of Housing and Local Government and the Minister of Transport have refused to approve proposals by Leeds City Council for the Headingley by-pass.

A letter giving the refusal of planning permission by the Minister of Housing and Local Government states:

'The Minister is not satisfied that there is any real possibility of finding another line for the road which would be better than the one now proposed, which was approved as part of the City Development Plan in 1955. However, he agrees that the scheme at present before him is open to serious objection on the grounds that, in these surroundings, the form of road proposed would be unattractive and noisy and would produce unsatisfactory gradients; and that further examination is needed of the adequacy of the provision made for cross and turning traffic. For these reasons, he thinks that alternative schemes should be examined, and he accordingly refuses planning permission on your council's application.'

A letter announcing the decision of the Minister of Transport, not to confirm an associated compulsory purchase order states that he is: 'fully satisfied that the line of the proposed by-pass which has been in the approved development plan for many years, is for topographical reasons the only practicable alignment for a by-pass to the route A660; any alternative route which would entirely by-pass the whole of Headingley either to the west or to the east would involve an unacceptably long diversion and therefore would be extremely unlikely to attract the commuter traffic which at present uses the existing radial road... Nevertheless he is not entirely satisfied that a redesigning of its vertical alignment might not achieve an improvement from the point of view of amenity and gradients on the council's present proposals. Furthermore, he is even less satisfied that the provision for cross traffic has been dealt with as adequately as it could be, particularly at the northern end of the scheme.'

#### f. Highway landscaping, USA

President Johnson has sent to Congress four bills designed 'to help make our nation's roads highways to the enjoyment of nature and beauty'. The first bill asks the States to prohibit all billboard advertising within 1,000 feet of interstate highways (divided from