

# IT IS TIME

The people of Headingley realised how misleading is the title "Headingley By-Pass" as applied to the long threatened 1400 yard road proposed to be constructed between Shaw Lane and Richmond Hill. In point of fact, **the only part** of Headingley that this road **will** by pass is the **present Shopping Centre** and here, indeed, proposals are on hand to create **a District Centre three times as large** as exists at the present time, and to include in this development **a new Supermarket** with a colossal floor area of 45,000 sq. ft. of selling space. **The growth of traffic** which will be drawn through all parts of Headingley, as a result of this type of development, will only add enormously to the present difficulties.

**The By-Pass road**, as proposed, will be built to Expressway standards; that is to say it will have wide dual carriageways separated by a central reservation. This will obviously **act as a magnet** to more traffic bound to and from the City Centre and this increased weight of vehicles will largely travel down Otley Road, directly through the residential part of Headingley.

**The Ministry of the Environment** has now, very properly, realised the full implications that will stem from the development of the so-called By-Pass road, upon both of its extremities and the Local Authority have, only recently and very belatedly, admitted to the general public, as a result of pressure from the Ministry that Otley Road will require **to be greatly widened and altered** to cope with the anticipated **increased flow of traffic** which will be generated. The effects upon **residential front-agers and tradespeople** will be disastrous immediately, but, in the long term, the more serious results will stem from the **divisive effects of a wide and busy road** upon the two communities living on either side of it. **Headingley, as we know it today will be finished ! !**

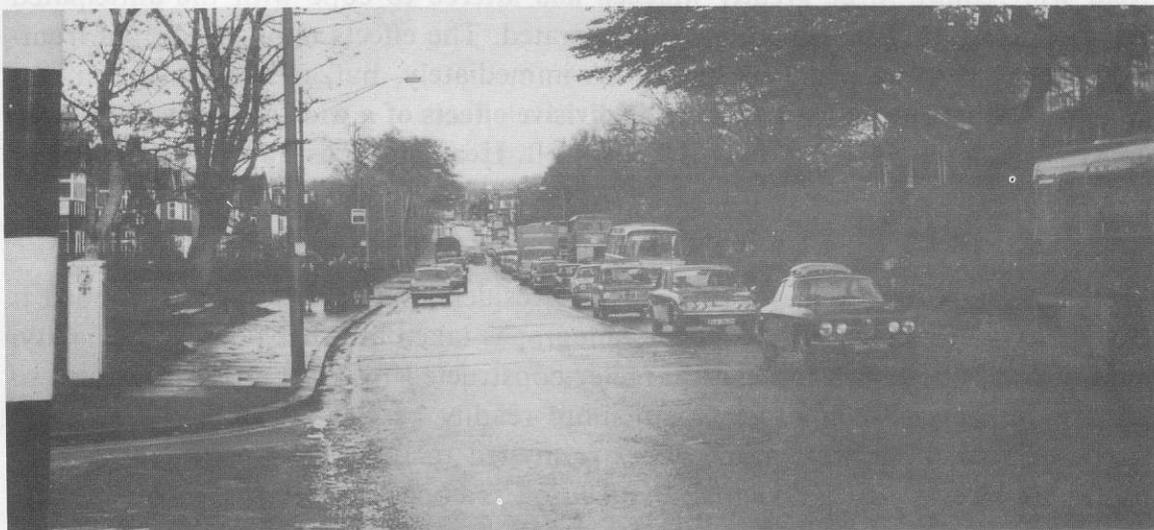
**It is for these reasons** that the Headingley Residents' Association have deemed it sensible to try to show, **by means of photographs** taken at other points of the City, **roads of the same dimension and character** constructed by the Leeds Authority, so that the impact of such projects can more readily be related to the Headingley District. From these illustrations you are invited to form your own conclusions. Insofar as Headingley Residents' Association is concerned, it wishes to make it known that it cannot understand the logicity of planning thought which prompts **the imposition of a virtual Motorway through a long established, closely knit, residential community**. The Headingley Residents' Association wish it further to be made known that they are working closely with Road Engineers and Traffic Experts towards the production of alternative proposals whereby traffic through Headingley can be regulated and reduced rather than heavily increased.

It is hoped to call a Public Meeting very shortly when the opportunity will be given for the full expression of opinion and the production of further detailed information. Meanwhile, you are invited to study the photographs submitted overleaf.

# This is OTLEY ROAD, HEADINGLEY TODAY



The photograph above was taken at 3-00 p.m. on Thursday, 17th February, 1972. The road is most certainly not overloaded with traffic through the majority of the day.



The photograph above was taken at 8-50 a.m. on the same day. The tidal flow of traffic bound to and from the City Centre, morning and evening, is a distinctive feature of Otley Road. The so called Headingley By-Pass, as proposed however, would not take away one of the vehicles shown in this photograph. It would merely serve as an attraction for very many more vehicles to move along it.

# OTLEY ROAD, HEADINGLEY TOMORROW



The photograph above shows the By-Pass road as it will appear **upon its emergence at Shaw Lane**. Present proposals are that the road will be in sunken cutting at Shaw Lane to a depth of 17ft. rising to ground level at about St. Chad's Drive. The width of road will be the same as that shown in the photograph and there will also be a slip road upon the Southern side of Otley Road taking traffic to the Headingley Shopping Centre. This slip road will pass within a few feet of the present Otley Road frontage houses.



The photograph above indicates the type of "improvement" of Otley Road that will be necessary between St. Chad's Drive and the Outer Ring Road. This line will follow the existing Otley Road from the end of the so-called Headingley By-Pass to the Northern Extremity of the Weetwood Filter Beds. The ugliness, the noise and pollution engendered, in addition to the almost total severance of one side of the road from the other will contribute to create completely intolerable environmental conditions.



Footramps, Bridges and Subways will be just as necessary in Headingley as in Hunslet (where this photograph was taken) and they will be no less formidable to