Four alternative routes for a relief road are shown on the map. All are dual carriageway schemes, and would cost in the region of £25 Million to £30 Million each.



The 'green' route widens the main A35/A3060 between Christchurch Town Centre and Littledown, Bournemouth, with major widening at junctions.



The 'blue' route starts at Stony Lane, then follows the main railway line to the River Stour, then runs up the Stour Valley to Wessex Fields, Littledown.



The 'red' route runs diagonally across the Avon Valley from Stony Lane to Cowards Marsh, then follows the disused railway line across Town Common, curving round Blackwater Hill to join the A338 Spur Road.



THE EFFECTS

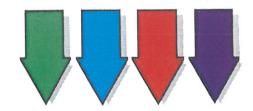
-Public open space

-Sites of Special Scientific Interest

The 'purple' route starts near Somerford Roundabout and runs northwards across farmland, then crosses the old Ringwood Road north of Sopley, crossing the Avon Valley at the Causeway, and joining the A338 Spur Road next to the old Hurn railway station.

Minor road schemes and traffic management measures are cheaper, and can improve road safety but will not cope with the future growth in traffic. Improved public transport and cycle facilities can also help, but are unlikely to make much difference in Christchurch to the forecast growth in traffic flows. Without a relief road, traffic congestion will get much worse. However, you may think that a major new road has more problems than benefits. Please let us know by completing the questionnaire.

	IE EFFECTS				
(i)	Number of dwellings demolished	30	Caravan Site	0	0
(ii)	Number of other buildings demolished	2	5	0	0
(iii)	Buildings within 100m of new route	666	305	88	14
(iv)	Area of "special" land affected (hectares -High grade agricultural land	s) - 0	0	0	100



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WILL IT AFFECT MY PROPERTY?

Please don't worry. This is only the first stage in a long process of consultation and you will have the opportunity to formally object at a later stage. Any route which is finally selected will be designed to directly affect the least number of properties possible. If you would like to discuss any concerns please visit the exhibition at the times it is staffed or telephone Teresa Brown of the County Surveyor's Department on Bournemouth 221023.

THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTES

