

Delph Bypass game

Name: Councillor Kirkham

Occupation/Interest: Local Councillor

Represent Delph Village on the Oldham Council

For/Against/Undecided: For

Reasons: I *do not live in the village*, but want to see that it gets a bypass. I think that it will *improve the village*. I do *not want to upset anybody* if I can help it because I need people to *vote for me* at the next election.

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Name: Leslie Adams

Occupation/Interest: Local Resident

For/Against/Undecided: For

Reasons: I live on Oldham Road, Delph and *I am very fed up with all the traffic jams* in the middle of the village.

I want a bypass as soon as possible.

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Name: Mr Ashley

Occupation/Interest: Businessman

For/Against/Undecided: For

Reasons: I own a nationwide sports goods chain. I want to build a new distribution warehouse on the old mill site which *will employ 100 people*. I will *only build it if the bypass is built*, as my lorries need to get to and from the motorway quickly and easily.

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Name: Ms Frost

Occupation/Interest: CEO Capita Translation Services

For/Against/Undecided: For

Reasons: I live in the area because I enjoy the peace and quiet, but *many of my staff drive in each day* from Manchester or Leeds. They get very frustrated when they get stuck in traffic so close to work. *If a bypass was built, I would find it easier to recruit the best staff.*

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Name: **Edna & Geoff Dickson**

Occupation/Interest: Owners of Edna's Cafe

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: Our customers are mainly tourists from Oldham and Manchester, cyclists and walkers. We think they come to Delph for some *peace and quiet*. A bypass will take noisy, dirty traffic away from the village, making it *more appealing to tourists*.

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Name: **Mr & Mrs Jones**

Occupation/Interest:

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: We have lived in the middle of Delph for 10 years. I work in Oldham, and get very angry with all the traffic in the morning. I want a bypass, *so long as it is not near our house*.

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Name: **Mr Kenny & Mrs Trott**

Occupation/Interest:

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: We cycle to work nearby, but our children go to Delph Primary School. We would love for them to cycle to school too, but we worry about the *busy road through the village*, and also about the *pollution* from the traffic. A bypass would take traffic away from the village, and *make commuting by bike much safer* for them.

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Name: **Mrs Bezos**

Occupation/Interest: Village bookshop

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: Now that most of my books are sold on the internet, *I do not rely so much on people driving* through the village. A bypass would *make the village a nicer place to live*, and might even *encourage more tourists* to visit my shop.

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Name: **Debbie Abrahams**

Occupation/Interest: MP for Saddleworth

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: As MP for Saddleworth, I want to *give a good impression to all the voters* in Delph. I would not like the bypass because I *believe in public transport*. I want to reopen the railway line to Delph as a commuter and tourist attraction

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Name: **Mrs Leigh**

Occupation/Interest: Head Teacher

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: I am the head teacher of the primary school. A bypass *will bring lots of dirty, noisy traffic near my pupils*. It might make more children have asthma attacks. I may even *lose some of the school grounds*.

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Name: **Mr & Mrs Gartside**

Occupation/Interest: Local Residents

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: We have lived in our cottage for 50 years. We love living there, and *expected to be able to live there until we died*. If the bypass is built, our *cottage will be knocked down*. We are sad to think your lovely cottage and garden may be destroyed. *We may not be able to afford to buy another cottage* in Delph. Where will we go?

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Name: **Mr Whitehead**

Occupation/Interest: Farmer

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: My *best farm land* is in the valley bottoms. If I lose this land I *will not be able to find any more* to buy. The high farmland is no good unless I have the lower land. *I may have to stop farming*

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Name: **Mr Heron**

Occupation/Interest: Local resident

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: Although I agree there is too much traffic going through the village, *a bypass will only bring more cars and lorries* to the area. This *noise and pollution* will be bad for the environment, and building a new road will *harm the wildlife*.

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Name: **Uzma and Izhar Akhtar**

Occupation/Interest: Post Office (& shop)

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: Customers often stop to *post or collect things on their way to or from work*. They may then also buy other things that they need. A bypass would cause us to lose this *passing trade*. We want to leave things as they are.

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Name: **Mr Bennett**

Occupation/Interest: Friends of the Earth

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: My organisation does not believe any new types of road should be built. We believe in direct action to stop roads being constructed by climbing trees, chaining ourselves to machinery, and disrupting any form of road building. *We want a protest NOW!*

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Name: **Mrs Woodhouse**

Occupation/Interest: Local resident

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: I moved to Delph so that I could *walk my dogs* up the Castleshaw valley each morning. If a bypass was built *this area would be destroyed*, and the *character of the village* would be changed forever.

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Name: Miss Ben

Occupation/Interest: Traffic Warden

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I am very concerned about people parking on the double yellow lines on the high street. I think it makes it *dangerous for people crossing the road (especially children)*.

I think this is much more important than building a bypass

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Name: PC Lovesome

Occupation/Interest: Local Policeman

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I have to *try to keep the traffic moving through Delph*. People often park along the main street and cause problems. The local shops *need to have places for people to park* nearby. I don't want to upset the local people. I am also *concerned for people crossing the busy village roads*.

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Name: Mr Hooper

Occupation/Interest: Pub Landlord

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I am the landlord of the Swan Inn. My pub has a small area at the front for people to sit during the summer. *Lots of traffic make this area unpleasant*. Traffic passing through Delph often stop at the pub. A bypass may mean *less people passing through the village* would stop at my pub, but *more may want to come to sit outside*. I am not sure.

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Name: Janet Street Porter

Occupation/Interest:

President of the Rambler's Association

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I have been asked by local members to make sure that *no footpaths are affected* by a bypass. If footpaths are altered I will need to *make sure that people can still walk safely* in the countryside.

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Name: Reverend Sole

Occupation/Interest: Local Clergyman

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I am the vicar of St. Thomas's and want to help everyone in the village. *I can see both advantages and disadvantages* to having a bypass, but I wouldn't want it to cause any damage the church or its grounds.

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Name: Mr & Mrs Fry

Occupation/Interest: Chip shop owners

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: Most of our customers are 'regulars'. *We do not think a bypass will make much difference* to our business.

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Name: Jitu Miah

Occupation/Interest: Owner of Bay leaf Restaurant

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: I run the local restaurant with my brothers. We are *open in the evenings and at weekends, when the traffic is not so busy, and parking is easier*. I do not think that a bypass would make much difference to our business.

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Name: Mr & Mrs Smith

Occupation/Interest: Local residents

For/Against/Undecided: Undecided

Reasons: We have lived here for nearly 16 years. Now that our family has grown up *we would like to move to a smaller house*. If the bypass is built, the council will buy our house and knock it down, but *we may not get enough money* to buy another house in the area. *No one else will want to buy our house* until they know whether or not the bypass will be built.

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Name: **Mr & Mrs Murray**

Occupation/Interest: Local residents

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: We are worried about the *environmental impact* of building a bypass, although it would *make it easier for us* to get to the airport for our regular holidays. If it is not built too close to us, our house *might increase in value*, however our house *might lose value* if we could see or hear the bypass from where we live.

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Name: **Alex Balinski**

Occupation/Interest: Village Pharmacy

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: Many of our customers come to us from the Health centre across the road. I often worry about people, *especially the elderly*, having to cross the busy road. However, if most of the cars went around the village, the Co-op next door might be forced to close. *That might affect our business.*

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Name: **Aubrey Jones**

Occupation/Interest: Owner of Delph Garage

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: If most of the traffic goes around the village each day, *people will soon forget that we are here*. If they need any work done, they will take it somewhere else. I hope the bypass never gets built.

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Name: **Doctor Garside**

Occupation/Interest: Doctor's surgery /Health Centre

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: Parking has always been a problem in Delph, as it was not designed for all these cars. A Bypass would *reduce congestion in the village*, and make it easier for patients to visit the surgery. It would also improve the *quality of life* for people in the village.

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Name: **Ashley Warburton**

Occupation/Interest: Local resident

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: I share a flat in the middle of Delph with my friend Freddie. We both have cars, so *parking near our flat is a nightmare!* A new bypass would take away all the heavy, noisy traffic. I think this would make Delph *a more chilled out place to live*, but I don't think Freddie agrees with me!

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Name: **Jerry Lavery & Sacha Flores**

Occupation/Interest: Local residents

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: We retired to the edge of Delph, having lived in Oldham for many years. We recently converted an old barn into a cottage for when our families come to visit. *We also rent it out to tourists.* No one will want to stay there if it is close to the bypass. *They want to see sheep in the fields, not cars on a busy road!*

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Name: **Freddie Idowu**

Occupation/Interest: Local resident

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: I share a flat in the middle of Delph with my friend Ashley. I know that parking can sometimes be a problem, as we both have cars, but *I enjoy the hustle and bustle in Delph village.* I worry that if a bypass was built, *Delph might turn into a 'ghost town'.*

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Name: **Ms Goldmann**

Occupation/Interest: Owner of Hair & Beauty Salon

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: Most of my customers are regulars. I don't think a bypass will affect my business very much. I may lose a few customers, but I would hopefully gain some new ones. *It would be nice not to have traffic jams outside my shop every day.*

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Name: **Mr Wiggett**

Occupation/Interest: Construction company

For/Against/Undecided: **For**

Reasons: If the bypass is built, it will make the area *more attractive to commuters*. I would plan to build some new luxury housing developments in Delph and the surrounding villages. This would *create more jobs*, and *earn the council more money* through taxes.

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Name: **Morgana Restall**

Occupation/Interest: Land manager: United Utilities

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: My job is to make sure any bypass does not affect the water quality or cause any flooding in Delph. Our company will comply with whatever decision is reached.

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Name: **Norman Redhead**

Occupation/Interest: Archaeologist

For/Against/Undecided: **Undecided**

Reasons: My job is to make sure construction of any new bypass *would not destroy any important Roman or Medieval sites*. Building a new bypass could provide an *opportunity to survey* areas we hadn't been able to before, and learn more about the past.

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Name: **Mr Clarkson**

Occupation/Interest: Farmer

For/Against/Undecided: **Against**

Reasons: I have lived in the Castleshaw Valley for many years, and *do not really want to see it change*. However, if the bypass does get built, it will bring *more business to my farm shop*. I might even *add a petrol station*, as there isn't one between here and Oldham.