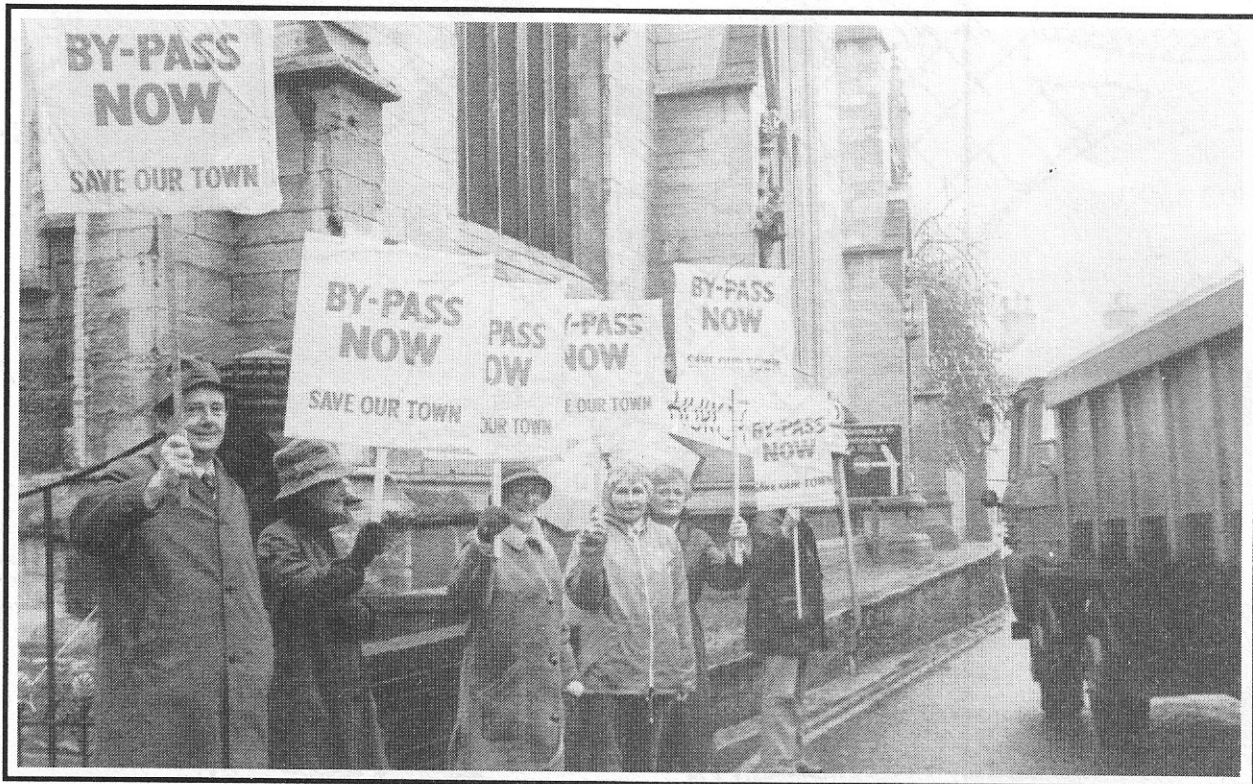


LOUTH



Protesters outside the parish church



The effect of a busy road close the Hubbards Hills beauty spot was stressed by objectors to the proposed route of the Louth by-pass.

Objectors at the public inquiry in Louth Town Hall, which continued today, included the Green Party and local landowners affected by compulsory purchase orders for land on the route.

The Green Party outlined the effect a trunk road carrying increased heavy goods traffic would have on the Hallington side of Hubbards Hills, an area classified as being of outstanding natural beauty.

But the Environment Department and Transport Department inquiry conducted by Brigadier R.G. Harmer, heard of overwhelming support for the by-pass route on the western side of the town

Concern that the planned Louth by-pass could mean less traffic coming into the town with a resulting adverse effect on trade was expressed by Louth Town Council's Planning Committee.

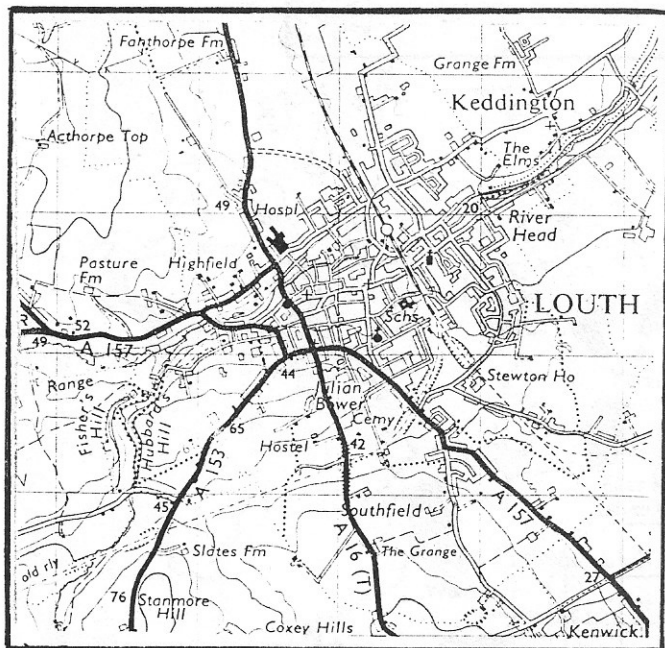
Members agreed that steps would have to be taken to promote the town so that it would not become "completely by-passed."

Louth had increased; driver "frustration" had risen, town centre buildings including St. James' church were being corroded by traffic; and holiday traffic caused congestion in summer.

Environmentalists argued that re-routing HGVs alone would solve Louth's central traffic problems.

But Louth Civic Trust urged there should be no more delays in approving the by-pass route

"Wherever you get a by-pass near a town it tends to get isolated and there is a drop in trade."



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