COMMENT
Since traffic can quite easily be channelled along the southern section of this proposed ring road (see plan) there seems little point in completing the merry-go-round, especially when it means introducing an element completely alien in scale to an existing and well formed core.

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CHIPPING NORTON
At Chipping Norton the problem is different. The main Oxford to Worcester road already cuts right through the heart of the town so that in summer the heavily congested roads are house-high in charas and caravans, all arguing the toss as to who's first at the New Street corner, where the road bends 90 degrees.

The County Council have proposed, and have already started, the demolition of the northern side of New Street, 8 and 11, for road widening. It will surely be only a matter of time before they do the same at the northern entrance into the Market Place where it also narrows, though not to the same extent. The New Street demolition will not only destroy some very fine buildings but will wreck the enclose character of the square.

SOLUTION
A by-pass is programmed for the town but not until 1976-1979. But the sad thing is that they've all but got one now. Along the ridge in the north-west of the town, and running between the A34 and A44, is an unclassified road, the old Jussia Way. In September during the Mop Fair in Chipping Norton, when the market place is closed to through traffic, this road is used as a diversion . . . and it works. Why can't this be used as a by-pass and eventually widened when the cash is available? It seems well worth trying in order to save one of the finest market places in the country.

In both Faversham and Chipping Norton it is the blind insensitivity of the local authorities which makes one despair. At the present rate all that will be left of either of these attractive towns in a few years time will be a gumby knot of asphalt and concrete.