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Since the southern by-pass was opened the air quality in Baldock has improved immensely in the town centre, though the traffic at the traffic lights does still cause a problem as there are queues most of the day.

Building a northern by-pass with round about will make the situation worse as vehicles stopping and starting next to a built up area is the worst thing for air pollution.

This would in fact mean that Baldock and Baldock New Town (to the north of Baldock), would be surrounded by a belt of roads carrying heavy traffic and whichever way the wind blows the pollution will be blown over the town which has a previous history of bad pollution causing high rates of asthma in children due to traffic pollution.

Regards