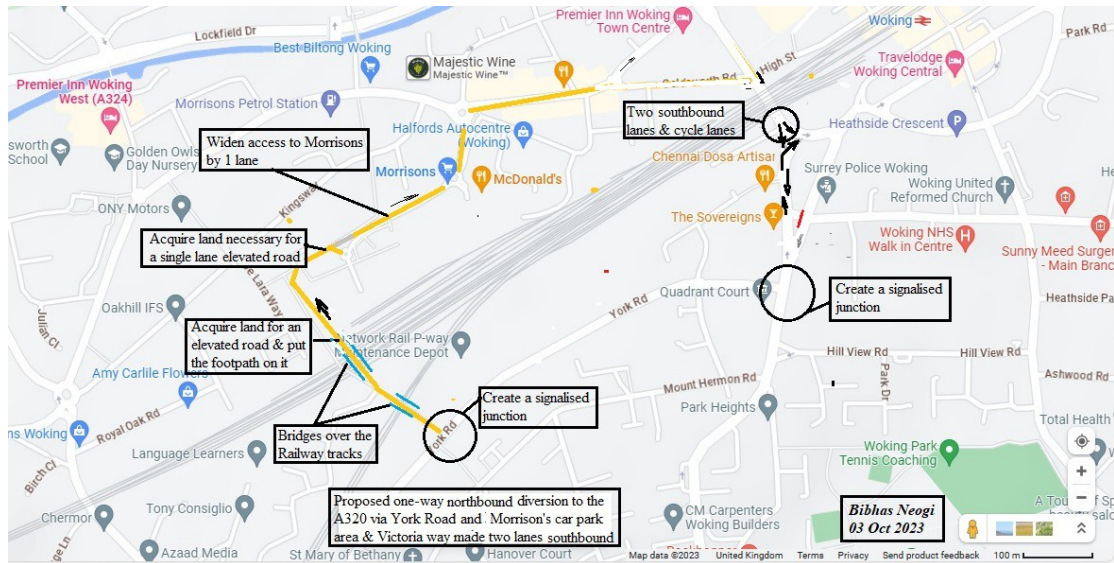


## AN ALTERNATIVE TO NOW ABANDONED VICTORIA WAY SCHEME

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Now that the Victoria Way bridge widening scheme has been scrapped, what would be the future for reducing traffic congestion, pollution and finding routes for those over 4.1m high that go through narrow residential roads?

Well, maybe there is a route for a new road that could be explored. This is what I would suggest the councils explore, An alternative scheme with no closure of roads or any diversion for trains could be built. It would also save over £100 million pounds. In this alternative scheme, Victoria Way would be made two lane southbound with cycle lanes and footways retained but with a 500mm raised separation for the cycle lane going north.

One-way two lane northbound stretch towards the bridge would be made two-way with northbound lane turning right towards the railway station. Northbound A320 traffic would be diverted and taken through York Road from both ends and a new one-way road built next to the existing footpath and two new railway overbridges towards Morrisons' car park.

The route on this viaduct would then go over the car park (losing perhaps only just a few parking spaces) and would join the existing road network and then rejoin the northbound A320. It will of course require co-operation and acquisition of some adjoining land and properties and a flying easement for the viaduct. Maybe Woking B C and Surrey C C would consider this suggestion?

I have shown the route in the sketch as one-way northbound but it could be a two-way route. This would then provide a better north-south route reducing congestion and better access to the supermarket for locals on the south side of the railway. It marginally impacts housing as it traverses through the area of car park, railway maintenance Depot and avoids Days Aggregate site. It would then mean Victoria Way could be retained as a two-way road as it currently is but improving on cycle lanes and pedestrian crossings. Please also see these comments on Surrey Live by searching for 'What happens after abandoning Victoria Way'