

HOLIDAY ROUTE: BID TO BY-PASS TIVERTON

ANOTHER Summer of endless streams of cars carrying holiday-makers to and from South Devon and Cornwall on the present holiday route running through Tiverton may be avoided this year if Tiverton District Council's planning and development committee gets its way.

On Wednesday afternoon the committee unanimously agreed to make representations pressing for the deletion of the holiday route through Tiverton and Crediton as soon as possible.

Councillor Mary Turner proposed that this should be done as she said "the traffic made a terrible noise and caused considerable disturbance to people living along the route."

The question of the holiday route arose while members were discussing what representations the district council should make to the county council on the Exeter and area transportation study.

This study was started in 1974 by Devon County Council with the object of producing a transportation plan for the Exeter area for the period up to 1986. It involves both public and private transport and is intended to be completed in 1977.

A report before the committee said that while the people of the Tiverton district were only involved in the study to a comparatively

small extent, as no part of the district fell within the study area, the population of the Tiverton district had important interests — business, shopping and recreation, etc.— in Exeter. These, said the council's officers, should be taken into consideration.

The committee agreed to draw various points to the county council's attention.

These included the view that public transport links between Exeter and settlements in the Tiverton district should be as good as possible, and that consideration should be given to the re-opening of some railway station halts in the district such as the one at Cullompton.

The committee's "apprehension" about the effect on Cullompton of the study is also to be voiced. Members heard that it was believed that traffic from the north-eastern part of Exeter, including Pinhoe, was expected to use the Cullompton motorway junction.

"It appears, therefore that proposals in the study area could have important effects on Cullompton. Traffic conditions in the town when the motorway is open, are already a matter of considerable public concern. There is particular

apprehension about heavy traffic through Cullompton in the future," said the report before the councillors.

As a great many people travel to Exeter from the Tiverton district the committee also wants to see adequate provision for private transport by way of car parks, etc.