A sloping landscaped noise mound is proposed between the bypass and North Street to reduce traffic noise, conceal the bypass, retain escarpment views and blend in with the adjoining landscape.

The land between North Street and the bypass will be retained as public space.

The noise mound will be a constant four metres above the bypass pavement but will vary in height when viewed from North Street due to natural ground conditions, reducing to about two metres as the bypass crosses North Street.

**Change from Approved Concept Design:**

- The proposed noise mound option is one of three options presented in the Environmental Assessment concept road design.
- The other two options considered were:
  - Option 1: Precast concrete supported mound.
  - Option 2 Combined stone wall and timber fence.

The noise mound option is preferred as it provides the best visual amenity and integrates with the landscape.