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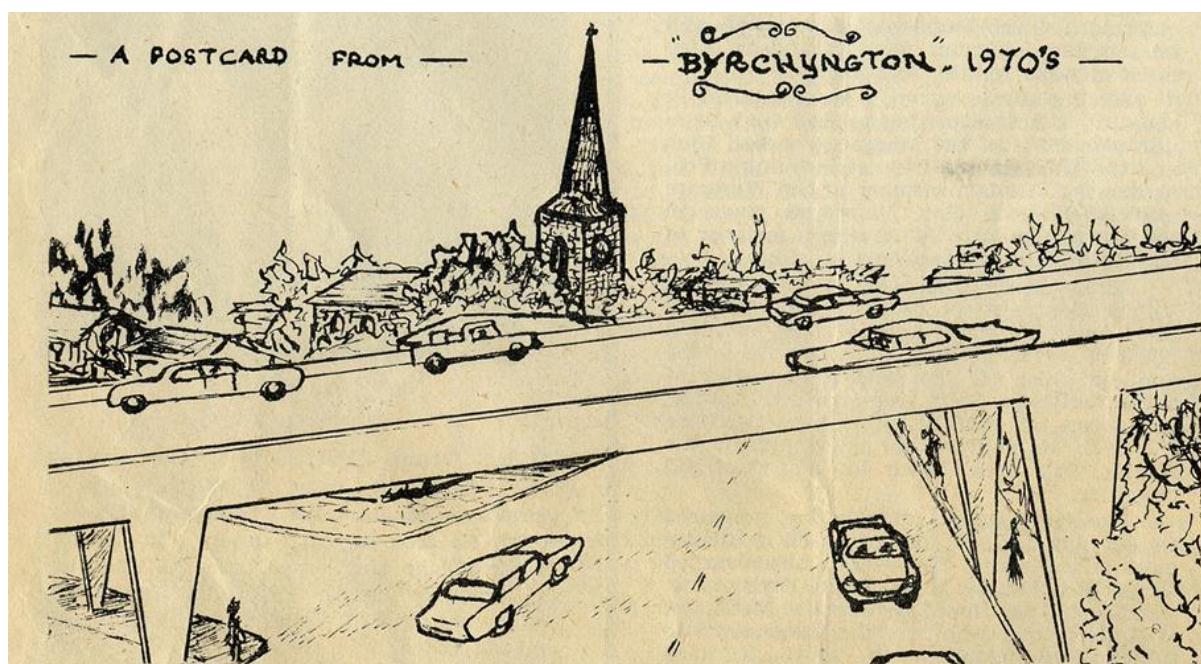
The road

The Council's public meeting held in March at Church House to present the new road to Birchington turned out to be something of a dismal flop as an exercise in public relations.

Opinion in the hall seemed to be pretty unanimous on one point only—no one wanted the road at all. The representatives from the Council were equally undivided—here was the road, fait accompli, and all they were interested in was any specific case of hardship which might arise from its building.

They seemed to find it difficult to take the point that a main road splitting Birchington in two was a subject of vital interest to everyone who lives or works in the village. even though first consideration must be given to those directly and physically affected.

End result of this first meeting was a draw, with another contest arranged for a later date. Opponents of the through road and supporters of the ring road, which would avoid the village entirely. will have another chance of trying to get over their views to the Council.



Our artist's impression or what the new road might look like, at the junction of Essex Gardens. There will be a four-lane dual carriageway with a central reserve and a flyover access road to the Quex Estate. Essex Gardens will be an acceleration lane on the dual Carriageway.