



Associazione Colle della Strega

Appeal to save the Cecchignola valley in the city of Rome from the threat of a new destructive motorway

160 hectares of land at the edges of the Appia Antica Regional Park may be bound to be covered with tons of asphalt. The Rome Municipality is in favour of this new environmental disaster.

The inhabitants of the Roman districts of Colle di Mezzo, Giuliano-Dalmata, Fonte Meravigliosa and Cecchignola Sud, are under the threat of a four lane motorway which the Municipality of Rome wants to build.

Although the people living in the area have been struggling for eleven years against the project, proposing also alternatives which are compatible with an acceptable living standard, the Rome Municipality is deaf and dumb.

The project implies a four-lane motorway through the country-side, allowing some 30,000 vehicles a day through the Park of Cecchignola.

An incredible and useless asphalt ring that will not solve the mobility problems of the area: on the contrary it will jam the local traffic and clog our lungs!

The motorway is a mistake because:

- it will take all the traffic in a very narrow road system at the end of the planned motorway;
- it will cause serious environmental problems, destroying a large green area that is a vital local source of oxygen;
- it will cost an enormous amount of money.

There are alternatives to yet another destructive and polluting road:

- roundabouts in the Cecchignola and Ardeatina streets could be built;
- the army headquarters in the Cecchignola area could finally be made available to the civilian population, returning to citizens part of the military area which is anyway currently not being used. This would enlarge the existing roads and improve public bus services to the nearby metro stations.