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**Re: Planning Applications 3/2021/0660 & 3/2021/0661**

Dear Sir /Madam

I wish to object to the proposed Route 1 of the planning applications for the following reasons:

**1. Road congestion and capacity**

The Traffic Management Plan states that the 'Proposal attempts to minimise the number of movements through Clitheroe and surrounding villages so far as reasonably practicable'.

Point: The movement of AILs through the Ribble Lane cannot be deemed 'practicable' when there are already frequent gridlocks due to the day to day traffic that passes through this route: a lorry, bus, or farm vehicle can cause significant delays because the roads already struggle with the current amount and type of daily traffic. Our community is served by the excellent shops on Bridge Road, Chatburn and the Spar has regular large vehicle deliveries which park on Ribble Lane; more vehicles will make these already difficult roads and junctions dangerous. In several sections of Ribble Lane the road is dangerously narrow in places as a result of the terraced housing where people have to park (and have a right to park). Local businesses will also be severely impacted.

**2. Air pollution**

The applications state that the movement of HGVs and abnormal load movements will take place between:

'09:00 to 14:45 and 16:00 to 18:45 Monday to Friday and on Saturday between 08:00 to 13:00'

Point : It is proposed that vehicles will regularly move through Chatburn to Grindleton, along East View, during the evening commuter time and at weekends. This will have a major and detrimental impact (congestion, noise air pollution) on all who travel regularly along these routes and live near to them. For those of us living at / near the Ribble Lane / Grindleton Brow/ Grindleton Road junction there will be long term adverse effects upon our health and well-being as a result of the constant disturbance of AILs. Also, if roads are widened they are then made more accessible for 'other' non-HARP traffic. This proposal encourages greater congestion along this route.

### **3. Effect upon day to day life**

The application states that there will be: 'Temporary parking restrictions where necessary and alternative parking provision where reasonably practicable.'

Along the whole of Ribble Lane people who are elderly, have children, are disabled or have mobility issues *cannot* park elsewhere; all these people need close access to their properties, especially during the winter months. Individuals have the right to be able to 'live' without being forced to park elsewhere for years. Under Route 1 proposals having deliveries, being collected by car, or even having a funeral procession will be impossible. The need or wish to move house will not be an option and property prices will be significantly affected.

For those of us living at / near the Ribble Lane / Grindleton Brow/ Grindleton Road junction there is to be, according to proposals, a traffic light system over the bridge and a three way system at the road; we will be effectively trapped in our local community and at the mercy of people letting us out into a flow of traffic. We will be surrounded by noise and large vehicle fumes.

To conclude, we feel most strongly that the proposed Route 1 through the villages will have a massive and enduring negative impact upon these rural communities, and we urge that you adopt Route 2.

Yours faithfully

