
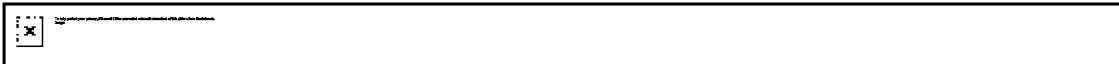


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HARP Planning Application Application 3/2021/0119

Dear Ms. Hopkins,

I am writing to you on behalf of [REDACTED] regarding our concerns about the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) as part of the United Utilities HARP Planning Application Application 3/2021/0119.

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anglers within the Ribble Catchment, representing approximately [REDACTED] people. We have grave concerns about the potential impact of the HARP project on the aquatic environment of the Ribble Catchment.

Having been involved in an engagement process with United Utilities (UU) as part of the wider HARP consultation process over the last two years, we feel we have exhausted all channels of constructive dialogue. The proposed solution to prioritise the haul road and river crossing at West Bradford is entirely unacceptable to us. The environmental risks posed by the run-off from the associated haul roads across what is essentially a flood plain risk profound and long-lasting damage to the fishery - and to the wider wildlife and biodiversity of this ecosystem.

We are particularly concerned about the HARP project's potential environmental impact on the Ribble's riparian wildlife. We would request that stringent environmental management criteria are applied to any consents granted, and we believe that a consortium of stakeholders should oversee the environmental management of the project to include riparian owners, fishing clubs, conservation, and environmental organisations.

It is imperative that substantial penalties and consequences for UU or its contractors failing to effectively manage or mitigate sediment pollution from the haul roads are agreed upon and set out before any planning permission is granted.

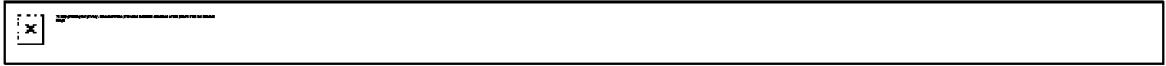
We want to draw your attention to the 2020 Fisheries Monitoring report by the Ribble Rivers Trust, which makes clear the precarious state of the Ribble from an environmental perspective. Any increase in the volume of diffuse pollution has the potential to have a catastrophic impact on wildlife. Projects of the scale and duration of the HARP project will impact the whole spectrum of riparian life on the Ribble and Hodder, affecting not only the globally endangered Atlantic salmon but also aquatic fly life, birdlife, and otters.

As the [REDACTED] riparian rights on the sections of the Ribble directly impacted by the HARP project, we have shared our concerns with other riparian owners across the catchment and made them aware of the potential impact on the value of their assets in the event that the salmon becomes extinct on the Ribble.

In conclusion, we request that you carefully consider our concerns regarding the HARP project and take the necessary steps to ensure minimal environmental impact. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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