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Whilst I accept that this project needs to proceed to ensure future water suppliers, I strongly object to all the heavy traffic coming through Chatburn, Grindleton and West Bradford, when a less disruptive viable route has been suggested.

The Ribble crossing proposal would prevent six plus years of problems in these villages, including.

Parking, on road parking would become impossible in Ribble Lane, Chatburn and East View, Grindleton. Would there be long term provision for off road parking at these two locations, and where could that be?

Road Widening, the plans show widening before and after Grindleton bridge to allow vehicles to get enough angle to cross, if the original route is not fully re-instated afterwards it will spoil the area, and it will then become a regular crossing for even more heavy vehicles.

Existing road structures, are Grindleton bridge and all the other culverts and bridges along this route able to take the increase load. I understand that the temporary traffic lights at West Bradford school are because of a collapsing culvert, this has taken 18 months to start repair work.

School times, already there is heavy increase in traffic, plus the chaos caused by parking outside West Bradford school at 9.0 am and 3.30 pm, construction traffic would have to stop at these times.

Foot paths, there are a considerable number of people who enjoy walking along the river and between the villages of Grindleton and Chatburn, the existing path between these two villages would need to be considerably upgraded to keep pedestrians off the road.

If this route is chosen, the considerable increase in traffic will results in potentially more accidents and environmental damage and I would strongly urge RVBC to choose the Ribble crossing option, whatever the additional cost.

