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Dear Sirs

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I wish to object in the strongest possible terms about the proposed plan to direct very heavy goods vehicles through Chatburn, Grindleton and West Bradford.

I have lived [REDACTED] I am well aware of the huge problems that this will cause.

1. Chatburn. The plan will require residents not to park on the side of roads especially on Ribble Lane. At the present most cars drivers are courteous and willing to wait to let other cars pass. There are two blind bends on this road where you cannot see what is coming towards you, particularly if you are driving from Chatburn towards Grindleton. Where are all the residents of these properties going to be able to park, let alone unload anything? In addition this is a bus route running from Clitheroe to several villages. It is also a school bus route so in the morning there are buses coming through Chatburn, down Ribble Lane and on the Grindleton bridge bringing students to Bowland High School between Grindleton and Sawley and back again in the afternoon. This problem is compounded by the fact that it is the school bus route taking students from the villages to Clitheroe Royal Grammar School and Ribblesdale High School in Clitheroe, travelling in the opposite direction. We already witness difficulties when these buses try to pass.
- 2 Grindleton. Ribble Lane exits Chatburn through a steep blind bend to go alongside the river to Grindleton bridge. This is a narrow road with no specified passing places. Cars buses and smaller lorries can usually squeeze into one or two places where there is no stone wall. Imagine driving from Grindleton towards Chatburn, across the bridge and coming face to face with one of your very large HGVs. Where can the driver reverse to escape? Then there is the bridge itself which requires a sharp curve to enter and an equally sharp turn to leave. Will the size of the HGVs lead to damage to the walls and structures of the bridge? Then the road passes East View, where the residents will no longer be able to park in front of their houses and face the same problems as those in the Chatburn section of Ribble Lane. The next frightening hazard is the incredibly sharp turn at the foot of Grindleton Brow. I have watched large vehicles (probably smaller than yours) try to manoeuvre round this corner and it is terrifying. In addition all the residents in Chatburn and Grindleton are worried that emergency vehicles will be impeded in getting to incidents. especially as you are planning to run some seventy vehicles per day.
3. West Bradford. The road from Grindleton to West Bradford is narrow and has at least one blind bend. In West Bradford, the cars of residents would also have to be banned from on street parking. There is a very difficult bend to negotiate at The Three Millstones pub and restaurant. and another extremely hazardous bend at the entrance to Eaves Hall Lane. There is a further narrow bend by Waddington and West Bradford Primary school. I admit a personal concern about this as I

[REDACTED] What arrangements would be made for parents to drop off and collect children?

These are country roads, and that means there are farm vehicles and large tractors passing long them. What happen when they meet one of your vehicles?

I do appreciate the need for an effective water supply. [REDACTED]  
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I see that there is an alternate plan to build a temporary bridge and access road that will bypass the villages and the school. I recognise that this will cause disruption to the landowners in its path but , after the completion of the work, the road etc can be demolished and the land restored, which, I believe, has happened in several Lake District projects. Please can I speak in favour of this solution. It would avoid the destruction of stone walls, part of our rural heritage and the cutting down of some trees as indicated in your plan. [REDACTED] I deplore the damage to trees, so vital at a time when we face increasing climate change. In addition it will, hopefully reduce the amount of pollution created, especially in the vicinity of the Primary School. ( I am assuming that you will not be able to use electric powered HGVS!)

These roads are also used by pedestrians, dog walkers, cyclists and horse riders. You will destroying communities.

Yours faithfully,

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