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Due to the height restriction to the steel railway bridge on Waddington Road, Clitheroe, all large construction vehicles servicing housing developments off Waddington Road are re-routed along the A59, through West Bradford and into Waddington which regularly causes major disruption and damage in Waddington. On one occasion a crane turning right onto West Bradford Road, heading West, crashed into a house in The Square and removed 6no. Quoin stones, damaged the roof and a street lighting column. Had there been someone walking or cycling in the area at the time then there could have been a fatality. Images are attached to this letter showing the damage. This is an example of the issues we have had in Waddington area over the past two years and the United Utility works will only increase this major issue and risk to residents and also impact significantly on villager's health and wellbeing.

A photograph is attached of the damage to the house in Waddington.

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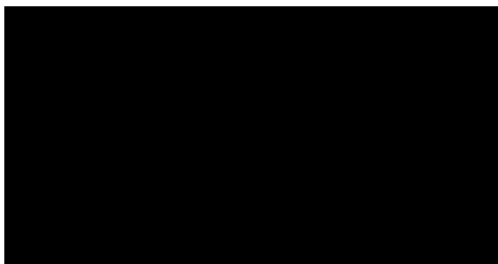
The pictures below show the damage to the gable end of a house in the village square caused by a large crane passing through the village. The crane was heading to a new housing development in Clitheroe and came through the village because it could not pass under the steel railway bridge in Clitheroe. This is a typical example of Waddington being used as a Thorofare for construction vehicles.



The picture below is taken from outside the Higher Buck. The bollards were hit by a large construction vehicle passing through the village, swinging out to turn left at the junction.



The image below is a typical example of the impact construction vehicles have on Waddington and the surrounding areas.



Truck stuck under a bridge on Waddington Road in Clitheroe *(Image)*

A road was blocked and train services were disrupted earlier today (February 13) after a truck got stuck under a bridge.



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15th March 2023

Ref – planning application numbers – Marl Hill Section 3/2021/0661 & Bowland Section3/2021/0660. Re submission of plans

Dear Planning Department.

Further to the notification from the planning department confirming the re-submission of several plans associated with the HARP project I would like to take this opportunity to re-confirm a number of points and issues that will be detrimental on my property and village life / safety should the project be delivered as set out in the planning submission.

Waddington is in an area of outstanding natural beauty and the movement of construction traffic servicing the HARP project will destroy Waddington Village.

I recognise and understand that the works to be carried out by United Utilities are essential works to support the fresh water infrastructure for the North West but have serious concerns for our local rural community and the health and welfare of the residents in the affected areas.

My objection to the project is around –

- Traffic generated
- Highways Safety
- Impact on the village infrastructure, noise and disruption
- Hazardous airborne materials causing pollution
- Effect on the residents mental health.

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Myself, along with everyone in the village is of the opinion that vehicular movements should be re-directed to avoid passing through the village.

_____ is probably the most effected property on the planned transportation route between West Bradford Road and The Fell Road. _____

_____ built off either no or very shallow foundations. Constant large vehicular movement past it will have a detrimental impact on the building structure / fabric.

Over the past few years, due to the amount of houses being built in Clitheroe, Waddington Village has been used a transportation link for large construction vehicle that cannot pass under the steel railway bridge in Clitheroe.

_____ onto West Bradford Road. The additional movement of large vehicles on West Bradford Road will present a danger to myself, other vehicle users and pedestrians.

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