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Address of Development: Newton in Bowland

Comments: With regards the above application there appears still so be changes made to the planning documentation which is not only contradictory to the application but to its own documentation.

- The proposed 'boundary' lines for the Newton compound now include a significant amount of car parking spaces - not included and updated since the LCC application to use Waddington Fell Quarry
- The same compound lines contradict each other with one showing parallel lines to the tunnel around Gamble Hole Farm and the other showing the compound sweeping over the single track, quiet, back lane. Rather than an error I suspect this may form part of a wider plan to access storage and vehicle and storage via back lane, despite previous assurances that no vehicles would do so.
- There is no plan of financial consequences, compensation for the community and council of any breaches or the valley nor a commitment being made to returning the valley to exactly the way it was found - as would be expected should a film crew or similar use the area. This has always been avoided in questioning but a real life example in the valley already exists. The use of the Bentham road for the much less impactful stocks scheme has been a glimpse of how the roads are damaged, road safety is compromised with UU blaming the council, contractors and even the police and the the contractors doing the same. What levers will RVBC be given to stop the drilling if these issues occur as it is only then, when UU are held truly accountable, will we get the assurances we are looking for,
- It is not an unreasonable request for all residential properties located in the proximity of the tunnel works to have a sound and light impact assessment completed. This has not happened and should along with clear accountabilities , not a helpline, be completed before a planning decision is made.