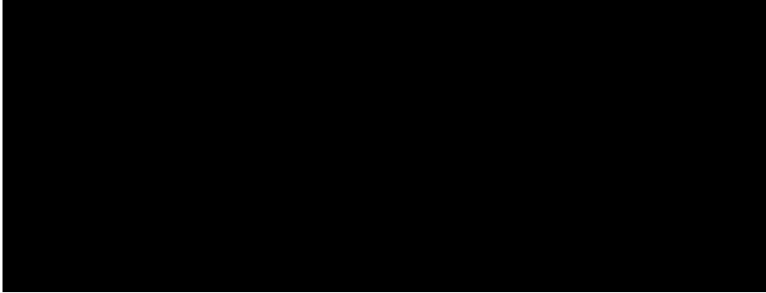


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Address of Development: HARP PROJECT

Comments: Newton is in an AONB. How is this fact reconciled with the devastating impact this seven year project will have on the area and also, does the AONB not have its own rights which restrict what can and cannot be carried out in the area eg the Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000?

With specific reference to section 1, Haulage Route 1, route 1E through Newton: public meetings re HARP led me to understand that ALL associated traffic would use the new haul road south of the village and I strongly believe that that should be the case. I therefore believe that it is essential that the haul road should be designed and managed to that end and the provision of route 1E abandoned, for the following reasons:-
Route 1E introduces increased air, noise and vibration pollution to the village, increased congestion (there are at least two "pinch points" limiting passage to one vehicle only at a time) and considerable increased risk to the numerous walkers and cyclists who regularly pass through the village - there are narrow roads and no footpaths. I also do not believe that, in practice, the proposed limitations on vehicle numbers, speed limits and permitted times of transit will be adhered to and that the suggested policing/monitoring will not happen, leaving the route open to being abused; the suggested monitoring by the community is adding insult to injury!