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(FAO John Macholc)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Application No: 3/2021/0660

Location: BOWLAND SECTION. FROM LAND NEAR THE CONVERGENCE OF THE HORNBY ROAD, THE ROMAN ROAD AND SHOOTERS CLOUGH TO LAND WEST OF NEWTON IN BOWLAND; WITH HIGHWAY WORKS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS.

Proposal: PROPOSED WORKS FOR AND USE OF REPLACEMENT SECTION OF AQUEDUCT, INCLUDING EARTHWORKS AND ANCILLARY INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING: A NEW VALVE HOUSE BUILDING WITHIN FENCED COMPOUND WITH PERMANENT VEHICULAR ACCESS PROVISION. WITH THE INSTALLATION OF A TUNNEL PORTAL AND AN OPEN CUT CONNECTION AREA WITHIN A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND, TO INCLUDE SITE ACCESSES, SOTRAGE AREAS, PLANT AND MACHINERY, AND DRINAGE INFRASTRUCTURE AND A TEMPORARY HAUL ROUTE WITH BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER HODDER. IN ADDITION, A TEMPORARY HAUL ROUTE WITH BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER RIBBLE (AS ONE OF TWO OPTIONS FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS TO THE TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION COMPOUND); A SERIES OF LOCAL HIGHWAY WORKS TOGETHER WITH A TEMPORARY SATELLITE PARK AND RIDE FACILITY AND A VEHICLE MARSHALLING AREA.

I refer to the above application and would like to thank you for the opportunity to provide comment on the proposal. I have viewed the submitted plans, Transport Assessment and associated scheme correspondence, however my review is still ongoing.

LCC Highways have been in pre-application discussion with United Utilities and their Transport Consultant for over 18 months on this County wide infrastructure project, with good progress achieved in a number of areas. However, it is important to note that a number of the concerns raised during the pre-application stage remain outstanding. LCC Highways appreciate that the applicant was committed to meeting an agreed submission timeframe and that both parties acknowledged further information and ongoing discussion was expected with the aim to address outstanding matters.

Phil Durnell

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Therefore, due to the scale and nature of the application and in particular a need to have due regard for the cumulative impacts of the project during the full period of the proposed construction works, I will be unable to provide my highway observations within the time you have requested. As indicated above we will be seeking further information from the applicant and their Transport Consultant on a number of matters. Once this information has been provided, to the satisfaction of the highway authority, I would expect to provide full comments.

In addition to the above, I would note that on initial review of the submitted documentation, the following documents appear to be omitted from the planning portal:

- Environmental Statement Volume 4 Appendix 13.1: Public Access and Recreation Baseline; and
- Construction Traffic Management Plan Option 2 - Use of a Temporary Ribble Crossing (the appendices for this document have been uploaded twice).

I hope you will bear this in mind when considering this application. Should you wish to have further discussion with regards to current position, please contact myself c/o developeras@lancashire.gov.uk.

I hope the above is of assistance.

Yours Faithfully,



David Watson
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