

Ribble Valley Borough Council
Planning Department
Council Offices
Church Walk
Clitheroe
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BY EMAIL

22 November 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

PLANNING APPLICATION REF: 3/2021/0660

From land near the convergence of the Hornby Road, the Roman Road and the Shooters Clough to land west of Newton-in-Bowland; with highway works at various locations

I am writing to object to the above Planning Application for the reasons set out below.

1. Increase in traffic in particular HGVs.

There will be an increase of at least 171 vehicles per day, 50% of which will be HGVs carrying spoil from Newton in Bowland and Marl Hill to Waddington Fell Quarry - this will increase pollution, both noise and air, and therefore have a significant impact on the air quality, environment and ecology in the area which is an AONB. The massive amount of additional vehicle movements per day will significantly increase the risk of accidents and fatalities to other drivers, cyclists, pedestrians, horse riders and wildlife. Saying that United Utilities will be trained doesn't reduce the risk. [REDACTED] and there are already too many bad manoeuvres by drivers overtaking cyclists on bends or into oncoming traffic/cyclists. The vehicles will also leave mud and dirt on the road - another hazard for cyclists. As keen walkers too we see a lot of bad driving and speeding vehicles in the area already.

2. Damage/stress/destruction to wildlife and vegetation.

The amount of species (including protected and endangered) and vegetation that will be affected and/or destroyed by this project will be immeasurable. We have very varied wildlife here from nesting birds to otters from bats to owls which will be hugely impacted by this project such impact being irreversible. The wildlife's habitats, hedges, rivers and watercourses etc will be changed/destroyed forever when they should be untouched and protected for the future.

3. Increase in light pollution.

We are in an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and also the night skies over Bowland have been granted official status as a Dark Sky Discovery Site. The skies over Bowland are recognised as some of the darkest in England which draws tourists to the area. Dark skies are becoming increasingly rare in the UK due to light pollution and we need to preserve these. The compound will be lit all through the night and therefore the dark sky status will be strongly affected.

Yours faithfully

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