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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0180

Address of Development: Land to the west of A671 Pimlico Link Road

Comments: Activate Clitheroe the a grassroots community movement campaigning for better walking cycling and wheeling infrastructure in Clitheroe and the surrounding villages feel that the Harp Marshalling yard should have a condition placed upon the planning application to provide a multi use footpath along the whole of Pimlico Link Road.

Due to the poor condition of the Pimlico Link road in parts, and with it being major a heavy goods route to the A59 many consider the Link road to be a dangerous road to cycle along, and, despite there being no formal footway it is evident that pedestrians do use this route. Ribble Valley Runners advise runners to avoid using it despite it being a logical route around town.

The National Planning Policy framework requires that "opportunities to promote walking, cycling and public transport use are identified and pursued" however, whilst referencing this policy, the HARP transport assessment 21_0664_EIA_vol4_App16_1_TransportAssess.pdf Which has been submitted as part of the document set for the planning application fails to identify any Active Travel opportunities at all.

No consideration been given to the fact that some site workers could be coming from Clitheroe, Chatburn and other surrounding villages within a feasible active travel distance? (typically 2km walking and 5 - 7km cycling are used for this).

No consideration to provide a multi-use footpath along Pimlico Link Road to allow workers to access the site on foot.

This planning application would leave no legacy for Clitheroe in return for putting up with a decade of increased traffic, dust, pollution and noise. The suggestion is that the HARP marshalling yard planning application should contribute to a better, more sustainable, pedestrian and cycling friendly transport network into and around the town.

The addition of a multi-use footpath along the whole length of the Pimlico Link Road would be an asset to the Town by providing a additional leisure facility, potentially joining the low traffic Worston Old Road to footpaths in Brungerly creating a safe low/no traffic orbital route around town for walkers and wheelers

If the opportunity to make this path is missed now, it is unlikely that LCC Highways would consider any changes to the Link Road until the HARP works are complete.

United Utilities are not a public body, they are a private, profit-making, dividend-paying company. If this was a private housing developer building they would be compelled to implement transport improvements.