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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0180

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

Comments: Re. Planning Application No: 3/2025/0180, the creation of an HGV marshalling yard and park-and-ride facility on land to the west of A671 Pimlico Link Road, as part of the HARP United Utilities scheme.

We understand that the original planning application for the HARP scheme were approved on the basis that the marshalling yard and park-and-ride facility would be located in the premises of Ribblesdale Cement Works. As this option is no longer available, United Utilities are now proposing to locate the marshalling yard and park and ride scheme at this new site, which is much closer to the junction between the A671 Pimlico Link Road and the A59.

We are writing to express our serious concerns regarding the likely traffic disruption and road safety hazards that this change in the proposed development will cause.

The HGV marshalling yard will now be located much nearer to the dangerous staggered road junction between the A671 Pimlico Link Road and the A59. As local residents of Worston, the village on the opposite side of the A59, many of us use this junction on a daily basis and are well aware that at peak times there are already substantial queues of traffic on the A671, waiting for a suitable gap to pull out onto the A59.

Vehicles turning right in either direction then have to wait in the central reservation before crossing the oncoming traffic, a risky manoeuvre, particularly given the speed at which some drivers travel along the A59. Adding the substantial numbers of vehicles, including many HGVs, bringing the workers and materials necessary for the HARP scheme to progress will only accentuate these delays – and increase the likelihood that drivers will take risks, resulting in serious road accidents.

We fear that if this application is not substantially amended, an already dangerous road junction may quickly become lethal. In addition, those road users who are customers of the many businesses on the industrial estates further down the A671 will face lengthy delays, and may well seek alternative suppliers, resulting in adverse impacts on the businesses.

If there is really no alternative site for the marshalling yard, we propose that the development should only go ahead, if accompanied by substantial changes to improve the safety of this junction – either traffic lights or a mini-roundabout are needed to reduce the inevitable congestion and to improve road safety. In addition, a footpath and cycle lane should be installed along the A671 and also the section of the A59 between Worston and the junction, to reduce the associated risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

We trust that the Council will recognise our serious concerns about the disruption and road safety risks that will result, should this application go ahead without significant changes. We will be following the case carefully, and look forward to hearing how our concerns have been addressed.

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