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Subject: [REDACTED]

25 March 2025 20:18
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H.A.R.P. development for United Utilities

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Dear Lyndsey Hayes,

I am writing to you in regard to Planning Application No: 3/2025/0180, concerning the proposed development of a site for an HGV marshalling yard and park-and-ride facility on land to the west of A671 Pimlico Link Road. I am a resident of [REDACTED] but still active and driving a car.

As a resident of Worston, I am dismayed at the whole prospect of H.A.R.P's plans, especially as I understand that their whole scheme for renewing their pipeline in the Clitheroe area was approved on the strength of an original proposal to site their marshalling yard in the premises of Ribblesdale Cement Works, a far more suitable site than the present proposed one.

However, given the probable impossibility of opposing the present plan, we in Worston would like to point out as forcibly as possible the extreme danger of the present road junction between the A59 and the A671, unless mitigating procedures are put in place. (It is dangerous now, as there are frequent tailbacks of traffic coming out of the town.) Ideally we need a roundabout like the other ones further down the road, but if that is not liked as an idea, a traffic lights scheme would go a long way to control the traffic, which would of course include the U.U. personnel driving their cars from various points up and down the A59. Leaving it as it is, with traffic waiting to turn left or right up the main road, or crossing the main flow of traffic to get into or out of the A671, would be disastrous. Is your Council going to wait for the first death to take any action?

Incidentally, if United Utilities are going to object to the cost of putting in one of these mitigating features, surely it would be a drop in the ocean when we think of the billions already going into their scheme. After all, we only have their word for it that it is going to be so essential, or that there might not be some other way of carrying out their intentions?

I do hope that your Council will give careful consideration to these points, and remember that, while clean water for the citizens of Manchester is important, so is the safety and comfort of people in the little villages along its way.

Yours sincerely,

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24 March 2025 08:50

To:

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As a resident of Worston, Clitheroe the proposed carpark for the HARP project gives me great concerns. The Pimlico link road junction with the A59 is already dangerous and ideally requires a roundabout.

Traffic already pulls out in front of you and travel down the overtaking lane, but I feel it's the only way they can keep going as at certain times the wait is so long and traffic queues back to the hospital. Additional traffic will make it impossible and very dangerous, and I feel accidents will most certainly happen with even fatalities.

This junction needs urgent attention, a start may be two lanes so the traffic turning left can get away quicker and reduce the queues?

I fully agree the new pipe has to be done but let's try and keep everyone safe.

Regards

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From: Contact Centre (CRM) <contact@ribblevalley.gov.uk>
Sent: 29 March 2025 19:34
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application Comments - 3/2025/0180 FS-Case-700959893

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0180

Address of Development: Pimplico link road. Harp park and ride and hgv marshalling

Comments: The volume of traffic and delays with more tailbacks is detrimental to the public. It is a main route and not helpful

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From: Contact Centre (CRM) <contact@ribblevalley.gov.uk>
Sent: 31 March 2025 12:52
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application Comments - 3/2025/0180 FS-Case-701338349

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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2025/0180

Address of Development: Proposed development of HGV yard and Park and Ride facility on land to west of A671 Pimlico Link Road

Comments: I regularly visit Worston and already find the turnoff intimidating and dangerous. The tiny village, apart from the local pub, has very restrictive parking and little room for manoeuvre. I understand that the site was originally to be at the Ribblesdale Cement Works, which is an infinitely more practical idea.
I can only foresee great dissatisfaction for residents and visitors ahead if this goes forward.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2025 09:41
To: Planning
Subject: HARP - for the attention of Lyndsey Hayes

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I am writing concerning the application for the proposed alternative temporary park and ride/heavy goods vehicle marshalling area facility associated with the HARP.

As a resident of Worston I am concerned about the increased amount of heavy goods traffic which will result in increased activity on the A59 and possibly accidents at both the junction with the Clitheroe Link road and our own junction into Worston, which is used frequently by farm vehicles and visitors to the Calf's Head pub, as well as those of us who live here.

The junction into Clitheroe can be extremely busy: turning right into Clitheroe at this junction is already challenging at busy periods. The link road is very congested, particularly at rush hour and when schools finish in the afternoon, resulting in long queues. Exiting the junction and turning right into the traffic coming from Skipton can be hazardous. The state of the road surface is poor and is even worse from the Chatburn roundabout down to the cement works and to West Bradford bridge; such a huge increase in wagons can only exacerbate the situation.

I understand that HARP is a necessary project and that disruption is unavoidable, but the safety at the junction is of real concern. Slowing traffic down and creating easier access points would seem vital. In this respect, a roundabout, a wider slip road or even traffic lights could be helpful. Simply putting up warning signs will not be enough, as the traffic travels at speed down the A59 at this point, since there are no roundabouts between Gisburn and the Sabden junction.

A wider slip road from the Link Road onto and out of the marshalling yard would also help to maintain traffic flow at busy times.

We have been told that this project is set to last for a decade; it seems essential that planners make carefully thought-through decisions at this point before work begins, for the safety of all involved.

Thank you.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2025 22:40
To: Planning
Subject: f.a.o Lyndsey Hayes - Planning Application 3/2025/0180
Attachments: HARP letter - village.pdf

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Dear Lyndsey Hayes

Please find attached a letter expressing concerns raised by local residents, regarding this planning application, for the creation of a marshalling yard near to the A59/Pimlico Link Road junction.

Could you advise me when the matter will be considered by the Planning Committee - as you can see, many of the residents likely to be most affected would like to attend.

best wishes

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Ms Nicola Hopkins and Mr Lyndsey Hayes
Director of Economic Development & Planning
Ribbles Valley Borough Council

27th March 2025

Dear Ms Hopkins and Mr Hayes,

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.

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We fear that if this application is not substantially amended, an already dangerous road junction¹ 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. Drivers seeking alternative routes to avoid long tailbacks on the Pimlico Link Road could then cause further congestion elsewhere in Chatburn or Clitheroe.

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Yours sincerely,

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 April 2025 10:59
To: Planning
Subject: Planning Application 3/2025/0180

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Dear Lyndsey

I would like to make the following comments with regards to Planning Application 3/2025/0180.

I note that the new proposed position for the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP) vehicle compound is very near to the A59/A671 Pimlico Link Road junction.

You may be aware that this is a very busy junction, which is used by many businesses and local residents. Over recent years at this junction there have been many accidents with vehicle collisions, some unfortunately serious. I am deeply concerned that without any modification to the highway layout during the HARP project accidents will increase.

The A59 is a very fast road and with this in mind I would like to see speed calming measures put in place so that traffic would be slowed down as they approach this busy junction.

In discussions I have had with both United Utilities and Lancashire County Council Highways I have raised with them the need to slow traffic speed down in the vicinity of the junction. With the increase in traffic during the HARP project I would like to see a roundabout or traffic lights installed near to the Pimlico Link Road junction. These measures would only be required until the HARP project was completed.

In considering Planning Application 3/2025/0180 I would hope you can hold further talks with the Highway Authority and that any decision to recommend support for the Planning Application will be dependent on Highway modification of the A59/A671 road junction.

There are many residents who share the same concerns, especially from the Worston and Mearley area and I know you will take their genuine concerns forward.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]
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3rd April 2025

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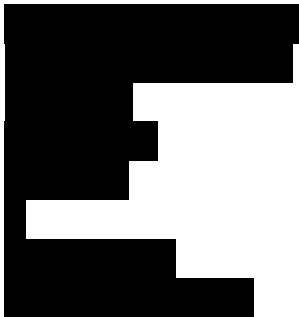
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