

## **NEWTON-IN-BOWLAND PARISH COUNCIL**

**John MacHolc  
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**30<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

**Dear Mr MacHolc**

**Please see below the comments of Newton-in-Bowland Parish Council.  
The reply relates to the HARP planning applications numbered 3/2021/0660 and 3/2021/0661**

**The Parish Council acknowledges that the project is necessary as a major infrastructure project to supply the residents of Manchester with water. However, we have concerns there is a distinct lack of reference to mitigation/dumbing down on how this will impact the parish of Newton and residents of the Hodder Valley and the highways used to transport the spoil from the tunnel sites to Waddington Fell Quarry.**

### **1 ALTERNATIVES FOR REMOVING THE SPOIL**

**A cable car system could run 24 hours and will allow things to carry on normally underneath.  
This would avoid the use of a highway, impact on road users and Highway structure.  
Must retain haul road to bypass Newton and avoid damage to listed buildings and bridge.**

### **2 ROADS**

**Road widening and installation of additional passing places to reach both compounds.  
The impact on ancient walls, hedges, land and wildlife.  
The road is used by vulnerable road users' cyclists and horse riders. There is no provision to address how they will be affected and their impact on slowing HGVs even more.**

### **3 NOISE**

**Diesel generators, constant vehicle movements.**

### **4. LIGHT POLLUTION**

**Currently Newton lies within a dark skies area; this will be affected by lighting in dark hours**

### **5. AIR POLLUTION**

**Generators and vehicle movements.**

### **6. WILDLIFE**

**Otters are present in the River Hodder. Numerous species will be affected by noise/light/dust pollution**

### **7.POST PROJECT COMPLETION**

**Permanent new valve houses? 11m wide x 12m long – there will be a visual impact**

## **8. MITIGATION**

Screening, dust control, bunding. Walkers, cyclists horse riders and other venerable road user's protection.

## **9. WATER SUPPLIES**

Interruption/loss to properties on spring water.

## **10 IMPACTS ON BUSINESSES**

Reduction in visitors and disruption to retail and hospitality businesses as well as to the farming and the rural economy

## **11. FLOODING**

The proposed haulage route requires a new crossing of the River Hodder and a haul road within the flood plain. These will inevitably increase both the severity and frequency of flooding, with the consequential loss of farmland, highway flooding and damage to Newton Bridge

Please accept these comments on behalf of the councillors

Regards

Sandra Pinder  
Parish Clerk