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Your Comments: Having read the planning documents and the various risks and mitigations it is obvious that the planning considerations have made a critical omission which would have lead to the current plan being aborted before it reached the planning stage.

The planning document falls to discuss or analyse the current usage of the road and the subsequent visitors to the Village of Chatburn and the close countryside and villages which are linked.

In the last two years of working from home it has become clear that the thriving community is supported by visitors, stopping off for a walk, visiting the children's park or stopping at one of the numerous shops. These visitors very often park their cars in the village, they are welcome visitors.

The planning failed to considered the numerous visitors and what value they add to our village both the value of their company in supporting our community and also the financial value they bring with them.

The lack of parking and extra traffic on the road leading to longer journey times. Human nature being what it is will undoubtedly lead these visitors to find a simple solution to the problem they will face and simply find an alternative route to their travel. Many living to the North of the village will travel through Sawley and join the A59 at what is already a difficult junction with reported accident volumes being readily available. Any living to the South will utilise the quiet lane through Downham to Worston.

These changing journeys will impact the community in a number of ways. The additional traffic on the alternative roads will have consequences, the quiet lane is not fit for additional traffic and is used regularly by walkers and bike riders. Additional cars on this route will change peoples use of the road. The environmental impact should be considered of the movement of traffic.

Most importantly for the community of Chatburn will be the permanent loss of visitors, it would be naïve to think these customers of the local business will come back in a few years when the work is complete. It is equally naïve to think that all these business will thrive without visitors to the village.

Its obvious that the second option of a new bridge and the use of the road that is already prepared for heavy good vehicles is the only option to solve the problem that United Utilities face.