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John Macholc,

I am writing to express my views on the routes proposed for the above planning applications as part of the Haweswater aqueduct resilience program.

Of the two routes put forward I believe route 1 (via Chatburn and West Bradford), is totally unsuitable for this scale of project. I have multiple concerns over the use of route.

- Ribble Lane is narrow and would result in grid lock, given we are looking at 60-120 HGV per day on top of the existing traffic, which includes school buses, large agricultural vehicles. Along with the traffic concerns, there are serious implications for safety as there is already frequent near misses, not only with vehicles, but with pedestrians and vehicles mounting the curbs to pass, making it dangerous for pedestrians, especially the children making their way to to/from school, cyclists, etc. Even with the parked cars removed there will be issues with passing of 2 large HGVs due to the narrow nature of the road in places and due to the lack of line of site along large sections of Ribble Lane.
- As part of the planning it is muted that the road will be cleared of parked cars for the duration, of which there is no upper time limit and could foreseeably approach 10yrs. This will have a significant and long term impact for the village, as the houses on Ribble Lane have no access to off-street parking, and would flood all available parking (even if alternative arrangements were found as no doubt it would be less convenient). This would have a knock on impact on the economy and viability of the businesses that rely on the parking for trade. Should parking for access to businesses be disrupted for this duration then it is likely that they will find it increasingly difficult to continue trading, which will have further impact on the village community.
- I am also extremely concerned of the impact on the mental health of those directly on route and for those just off the route. The level of noise and vibrations and local air pollution caused by HGVs has the potential to cause significant levels of anxiety and distress.

I therefore serious oppose route 1 for above and more reasons. Route 2 does seem to be most logical option, minimising impact on residents and communities (Chatburn & West Bradford)

Regards

