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Good Evening

I write with out concerns surrounding the HARP planning application currently with Ribble Valley Borough Council.

I am fully aware that this work does need to be completed however i do have issues with routes and the mitigations in place

1. Our community's, family and children's health and mental wellbeing is at risk from Dust pollution, Noise pollution and Light pollution. There is nothing in the planning for road damping, lighting or dust and mud contingency plans surrounding the excavation of waste.
2. Neighbouring farms livelihoods are at risk. We are an area reliant on livestock farming and your work /wagons pass through an area of open common where our sheep graze . Safety is paramount to livestock and machinery. There is no way a loaded lorry is going to manage to brake sufficiently to avoid incidents.
3. Valley events such as our very own Hodder Valley Show. We have sites for our [annual.show](#) close to your compounds. Access to the show is also from Dunsop through Newton , past your compound and also many visitors use the Waddington fell road to.access the event in all 4 villages. this will be a major hazard during the 7 -10 years you are working. Events like this are a longstanding tradition and if visitors are reduced then we face the possibility of the Show having to fold. This is not something we should have to consider but It is a real possibility.
4. Due to the heavy traffic on the aforementioned Fell Road, surrounding Roads and villages are going to be overwhelmed as traffic tries to avoid the area. There is absolutely no mention of support for these communities and road maintenance within the planning. PLEASE CONSIDER THE.ROAD FROM GRINDLETON TO SLAIDBURN, this is an emergency services route and will be subject to increased traffic causing issues and the potential for serious accidents. Local vehicles could break down within the area and are at risk due to blind bends, and heavy machinery bearing down on them. Is there a recovery contingency plan ?
5. Fell Road safety. There is no mention of additional safety run off lanes being built. The existing one outside the village of Waddington is overgrown and badly signed . There are no provisions for runaway vehicles on the Newton side . There are several places where a vehicle having problems would struggle to stop or make the corner,
One being the corner by Stone Fold entrance and the lower cattle grid
Another would be the tight bend by the entrance to Ash Knott Farm- a 90 degree narrow corner.
The next obvious one is Holgate Hill, approaching the village of Newton. Wagons would be approaching the narrow Bridge and also the junction with the proposed road access to the compounds where slow moving vehicles would be turning onto Holgate Hill.
All disasters waiting to happen.

6. You are aware of our AONB and the issues surrounding living and working in an area like this. Many business rely on tourism for their incomes. Let's be honest, a large [scale.works](#) programme isn't going to exactly benefit the area. Your staff are to be shipped in and will not be using the village stores.

7 Housing and access. Property values will be affected , structural issues will arise from heavy machinery, Spring water supplies will be affected by your works, water tables will alter etc . Livestock and communities rely on these supplies.

All the above are very real concerns for us as farmers and our families . Please consider the direct and knock on effects that this huge plan of work will have on our Valley's.

