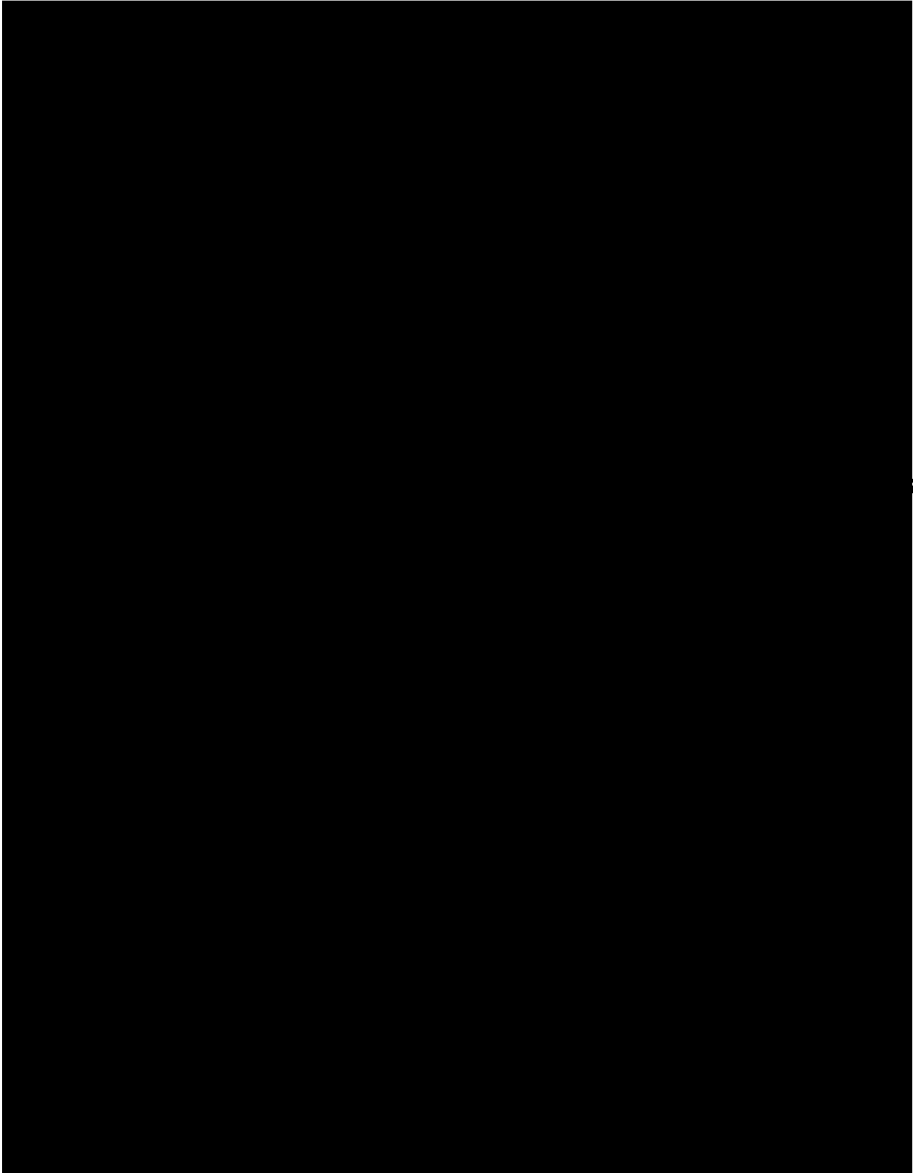


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Your Comments: I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the United Utilities proposal to route heavy vehicles and plant through the villages of Chatburn and West Bradford (where I live), and urge the council to support the alternative scheme, number 3/2021/0661.

I imagine that the UU proposal will cost less than the alternative, but it should be kept in mind that it is not taxpayers' money which would be saved by choosing the cheaper scheme, but UU's money. This is a very prosperous and secure company with guaranteed income which is growing as more houses are built. I have looked it up and in the year ending March 2020 its profits rose £32million to £492million on revenue of £1.86billion, and the share dividend was increased by 3.2 per cent to 24.8p per ordinary share. The chief executive, Steven Mogford, received a pay and incentives package totalling £2.56million - this despite the fact that his company allows well over 400million litres of water a day to leak from its infrastructure.

It would be monstrously unjust to allow our small villages to be turned into a track for up to 13 heavy vehicles an hour, five days a week and still some at weekends, when this scheme is not even of benefit to the residents. It would be insupportable for six weeks, let alone six years at the minimum. Many of the village houses, including ours, have no front gardens to buffer them from the street - the vehicles would be passing literally inches from our front doors

and although some of these houses have stood for hundreds of years, they may not take such a battering without damage.

There is a steep narrow hill on the road close to our house where large vehicles regularly get jammed. It is inevitable that such incidents would increase, causing massive inconvenience.

It is a question of morality and principle, perhaps words not heard much these days. A giant company should not be allowed to ruin the lives - and I use the phrase advisedly - of ordinary people in order to increase its revenue.

If this scheme is approved I and many others will be