





Thursday 7th October 2021

RE: Haweswater Aquaduct Resilience Programme (HARP) Objection to route 1 down Ribble Lane Chatburn.

Dear John Macholc,

I am writing to object to the proposed route (route 1) through Chatburn for the HARP programme and I wish to register my support for route 2 (along the Pimlico link road and across through West Bradford)

I live  where you are proposing to allow HGV's to come through our village every 6 minutes for 12 hours a day for six days a week for a minimum of six years. This would be disastrous for many reasons.

Firstly, Ribble Lane is already congested. Many of the houses in Chatburn have limited off road parking and frequently there can be 30 plus vehicles parked along it. My concern is where will these cars go as it would be lethal if HGV's were to come up and down as it is predominantly a single carriageway due to parked cars. It would also be intolerable for these cars to be displaced around the village and in  because of parked cars on the pavements and I can only see this getting worse if route 1 was approved. It also is not a straight road and where the road bends many accidents have happened and you just cannot see oncoming traffic clearly. I have lost count how many times I have seen a near miss. The road is also a vital route to the villages of Grindleton and Slaidburn etc a considerable amount of traffic use it so the thought of traffic lights or traffic management will cause delays and huge inconvenience.

Secondly, I am concerned of the safety of children. Many children and parents walk up Ribble Lane to go to the local primary school. With the increase traffic of HGV's and the current buses heading towards Bowland school an accident is

certain to happen. It is already awful now, the thought of HGV's included fills me with horror.

Thirdly, I am concerned about the effect that HGV's will have on people's physical and mental health. [REDACTED] and I can only see that the pollution that the vehicles will cause will exacerbate this. Also, the noise will also have a detrimental effect on us. [REDACTED] works from home and the noise would be constant. I am also concerned that the vibration caused by such an increase in traffic and the weight being put on the road will have structure consequences. Has a survey been carried out on this? The thought of this going on for 6 years will have a severe effect on mine and my family's mental health as we are going to be trapped in this for a long time. In fact, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] by the time this project finishes.

I also fear for the village's local shops and businesses as people are going to be unable to park and use the shops. These shops are a lifeline for villagers and at the heart of our community. If those go, then the heart of our village has been ripped apart.

After attending a village meeting, I feel that the alternative route of HGV's going down the Pimlico link road (purpose built for HGV's for Hanson and Tarmac) and a bridge built over the River Ribble is the better option as it would be less damaging to people and homes. It also makes sense as I believe that the HARP project has already sought out using Hanson Car Parks for its staff to park and then be transported by bus. This route would be more convenient surely otherwise we would be adding more buses along the route too.

I cannot express how detrimental Route 1 will be for everyone and I implore you to strongly consider route 2 as the better and viable option for everyone concerned.

Yours Sincerely,

[REDACTED]