



Thursday 7th October 2021

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

Application Nos 3/2021/0666 & 3/2021/0661

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 [REDACTED] which is one of the streets next to Ribble Lane. I cannot believe that 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. Have you seen Ribble Lane? It is already chaotic in a morning with buses heading to Bowland High School. It is also terrible to drive up due to so many parked cars. What are you proposing to do with the cars that normally park on Ribble lane if this project goes ahead? I feel that route 1 has not been thought through and that route 2 would be by far the better option.

Firstly, Ribble Lane is already congested. There is always about 20-30 cars parked on Ribble Lane due to a lack of off street parking. 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 be truly awful if yet more cars were displaced into [REDACTED] [REDACTED] because of all cars parked on the pavement as there is currently no where to park. If route 1 went ahead it would surely get worse.

Secondly, Ribble Lane is already a dangerous road as it has a bend and quite often there are near misses between tractors, coaches and HGV's. Any more

HGV's will surely lead to an accident. I have lost count how many times I have seen a near miss. It already has a lot of traffic as it is a vital route to the villages of Grindleton and Slaidburn. I also wouldn't like to see traffic lights put in, as this would cause huge disruption and delays. Also in poor snowy conditions, Ribble Lane is horrendous as it is so steep.

Thirdly, I am concerned of the safety of [REDACTED] children in the village. [REDACTED] and many times we witness traffic congestion with school busses. I have even seen cars having to mount the pavement to get round obstructions. I am concerned that if route 1 went ahead then an accident is bound to happen. It will not be a case of if, but when [REDACTED] [REDACTED] I am concerned how the increase in fumes and pollution will affect him.

Also as I work from home, I am going to be hearing and feeling the HGV's coming and going constantly. I also am concerned for the state of my house and my neighbours properties with the constant vibrations. The thought of this going on for 6 years minimum 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.

I also fear for the village's local shops and businesses as people are going to be unable to park and use the shops because the displaced cars are going to have no option but to part on Crow Trees Brow and Bridge Road. 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 therefore appeal to you to throw out Route 1 because of its detrimental effects on so many lives and ask you to strongly consider route 2 as the better and viable option for everyone concerned.

Yours Sincerely  
[REDACTED]