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Mr David Price
Infrastructure Planning Commission
Temple Quay House
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Dear Mr Price

**Re: A556 Knutsford to Bowden Environmental Improvements Scheme
Update on key scheme design June 2011**

I recently visited friends and family in Cheshire who brought to my attention the proposed new road scheme. I was shocked to learn the extent of the plans and the negative effect they would have on the environment.

I was a resident of Bowden for 20 years and grew up in the area so I am familiar with this part of Cheshire. I fully understand the need for new initiatives to ease the traffic on the current road layout, however, the new proposals appear to be a destructive solution devastating pristine greenbelt countryside, ruining in particular the hamlet of Millington and High Legh village.

The plans are likely to result in a huge increase in traffic volume, noise and pollution to this beautiful area encouraging heavy goods vehicles onto totally unsuitable rural roads when a traffic accident inevitably happens.

I have read there is a proposed elevated 2 roundabout junction to be built on the edge of Millington. This would be visible for miles around and furthermore built over a documented Roman road.

I believe the J20 proposal for the M6 made a few years before was rejected on cost and environmental grounds. Has this been reinvestigated as it seems a sensible option to keep the heavy traffic on the motorway to minimise the negative environmental damage?

I look forward to hearing the latest news about this road scheme.

Yours sincerely

Bridget Gill