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Dear Ms Powell

A 556 Public consultation – Cheshire

May I draw your attention to the current public consultation of the so called A556 Improving the environment Knutsford to Bowden road.

Suffice to say, that myself along with many hundreds of other local residents, feel that this consultation is not considered to be a fair consultation.

If you look carefully at the four Options presented by the HA you will notice that whilst all the properties in the Mere area have been illustrated, the majority of the properties on the other side of the A556, who will be most affected by the proposals are missing! Where are our homes? Have they been deleted?

The road appears to pass through “empty” fields and those who are being asked to vote are unaware that there are DOZENS of homes, farms, livery yards and a residential care home for the elderly all along the proposed route.

The HA are attempting to subtly persuade us that the proposals will have minimal impact. In fact the impact on our vulnerable rural community, livelihoods and enjoyment of the environment will be utterly devastating.

**The HA has a Statutory Duty towards ALL members of the local community. Their plans do not even acknowledge our existence. This cannot possibly be considered a fair consultation.**

When looking at the maps the HA have only shown the corridor of the proposed route, and don't take into account the wider environment of small homesteads, villages, farms, etc that will be affected by this proposed route. Again, no highlighting of listed buildings that will be affected, nor ancient monuments and areas of SSI.

The whole scheme reeks of insider dealings. To spend upwards of £220m on this scheme is disgraceful as it doesn't actually need to be done.

If the powers that be would only look at Junction 20, M6 where it actually joins up with M56 and make improvements to the junction there, this expensive little exercise to appease wealthy owners on Chester Road, need never be done.

However, and whatever happens, this will not alleviate the traffic problems experienced in this area of North Cheshire.

The M6 is one of the busiest motorways in the country and every morning and evening there are queue of traffic trying to get on and off at Junction 9, M56 where the A556 joins it. This will not improve the situation, merely make it worse.

I sincerely hope you will look into this case and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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