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REF:

Ms K Powell
Case Leader
Infrastructure Planning Committee
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9/2/2012.

Dear Ms Powell

Re: ASS6 - KNUTSFORD - BOWDON BYPASS

I am writing my letter of objection against the above scheme - as a very concerned businessman this scheme will have not only a devastating effect on my business but several other businesses along the current ASS6. I enclose a proposed baseline map which shows the affected businesses. The ones at Number 1, 3, 4 and 6 will most probably be FORCED to close due to the lack of passing trade.

I expressed my concerns at the public consultation held in Knutsford on 31st January 2012. Unfortunately - I did not receive a very satisfactory response to my questions.

I am the Postmaster and owner at Mere Post Office and Village Store and have been so for the last twenty years! This is the only facility in the area for 3 miles and like many small businesses I am struggling to survive - the building of this motorway connection would certainly add to our downfall - especially if the A50 (Warrington Road) is closed during construction!

My main concerns are of the proposed closure of Bucklow Hill Lane and Chapel Lane goes ahead and the fact that there is no right turn at Mere traffic lights - my customers from Bucklow Hill and Millington would not be able to drive to my business.

I was told at the public consultation that after the bypass had been built that there would be a right turn at Mere traffic lights - however this would be approximately six months after the closure of the lanes! - this is totally unacceptable - this would devastate my business.

Referring back to the map - all businesses shown 1-6 are customers of mine. If the proposed by-pass was to go ahead Numbers 1c and 4 are Petrol Stations, both of these would face closure - both using banking facilities at my Post office!

The Highways Department seemed to be unaware of the many problems encountered when an accident/incident occurs between 17-21 on the M6. When an accident happens south-bound all traffic leaves at junction 20 and travels passing the business towards Knutsford, Mere, A556 becomes gridlocked and traffic builds up and is at a standstill - surely the proposal to make the A556 to one lane in each direction would not help matters. Where will the traffic go if and when there is a problem on the new by-pass?

Once again I asked this question - the answer was "Where does it go now?" - most unsatisfactory. It is clear that the Highways Agency have been given a job to do - no matter what cost. They have clearly not done their homework - one proposal was to send vehicles from Millington down Hulst Heath Lane which is only wide enough for one vehicle and has a dangerous bend on it - once again the question was asked had anyone actually driven down the lane? No was the answer.

They certainly have not given any consideration to the small businesses this will effect - not too mention the huge loss of the countryside, farming and homes.

Why has the option at Junction 20 been shelved completely this time? When this by-pass was first suggested the costing of converting Junction 20 off the M6 which crosses over the M56 was considerably less than the building of the by-pass.

I urge that the IPC do not recommend the construction of the by-pass but recommend that the option at Junction 20 is considered - as this will take the HGV's to the M56 and there will be no need for the by-pass.

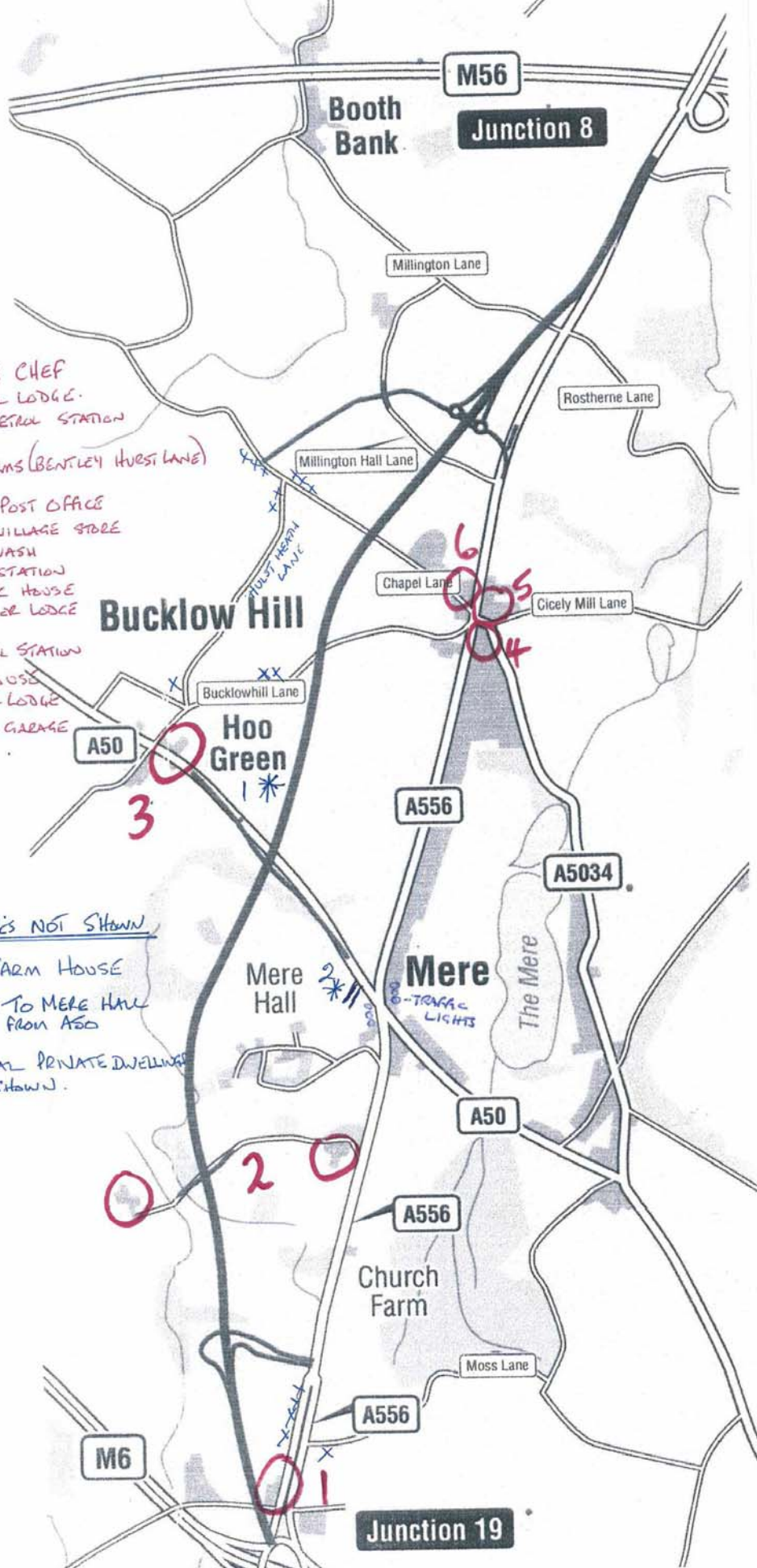
Yours sincerely

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Copy enclosed for Mr David Price.

SHOWING SMALL BUSINESSES
AFFECTED BY THIS PROPOSAL

**Junction Option 0:
Tabley and Millingl
Design)**



- 1. a. LITTLE CHEF
- b. TRAVEL LODGE.
- c. BP PETROL STATION

- 2. TWO FARMS (BENTLEY HVEST LANE)

- 3. a. MERE POST OFFICE
- b. MERE VILLAGE STORE
- c. CAR WASH
- d. MOT STATION
- e. PUBLIC HOUSE
- f. PREMIER LODGE

- 4. BP PETROL STATION
- 5. a. PUBLIC HOUSE
- b. PREMIER LODGE
- 6. CAR SALES GARAGE

* STRUCTURES NOT SHOWN

- 1. LARGE FARM HOUSE
- 2. ENTRANCE TO MERE HALL ESTATE FROM A50

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