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Dear Kathryn

We wish to be registered as an interested party with regard to the A556 scheme.

The IPC require the HA to undertake “adequate public consultation”. We believe this consultation to be unfair, does not meet the required standards set by IPC and not in the spirit of localism.

The summary document is extremely misleading in many respects diagrams illustrate all Mere properties but do not acknowledge the homes to the West of the road; The maps at the Public Exhibition confirm that cuttings to be provided along the majority of the route (promised in 2007), which appear in the SD diagrams, will actually not be provided after all, despite the HA’s assurances to the public that they intend to “minimise the environmental impacts of the scheme”; Non-locals are being asked to complete a questionnaire based on flawed and misleading information, believing the scheme to have little or no impact since there appears to be little more than empty fields to the West of the road. The public cannot possibly make an informed decision and therefore IPC cannot consider the results of the questionnaires

HA state they put forward the new “Preferred Route” in 2010 as a result of “feedback from local residents and community groups” in 2009. Who, exactly did they consult with? We are unaware of anyone in Millington, High Leigh, Bucklow Hill, Hoo Green, Hulseheath or Tabley who were consulted. We strongly suspect their consultation was only with the Mere community who persuaded them to move the road even further offline and to abandon their 2007 options in favour of the creation of Millington and Tabley Junctions.

HA's language, attitude and terminology are biased and misleading. The latest incarnation of the scheme is termed "Environmental Improvement" although this spells environmental disaster for everyone West of the A556. In a press release Jeremy Bloom states "It will also improve life for people living along the existing route of the A556, by taking traffic away from local communities." It only improves the lives of one community, at least six communities will have our lives devastated when that traffic is driven through the heart of our communities.

The environmental impact on the area which would be devastated by this road, is outlined in the wildlife survey, many rare species of birds, some not listed in the report would be deprived of their winter feeding grounds and spring breeding areas. Barn Owls, Green Sandpiper and Lesser Spotted Woodpecker have all been seen in the last 12 months in areas that would be lost if this scheme went ahead.

Kind regards

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