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### **A556 Public Consultation**

Dear Ms Powell,

I write to alert you to the unfair manner in which the Public Consultation is being conducted namely:-

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2. The road appears to pass through "empty" fields but **dozens** of houses, farms, livery yards and a residential care home for the elderly are all along the proposed route.
3. A number of lanes will be cut off causing considerable inconvenience to local residents. It will also lead to ideal places for fly tipping and illegal camping by "travelers" etc. Does this mean that the very expensive and unnecessary road has run out of money to make bridges to maintain the the continuity of the existing local roads?
4. The H.A are attempting to subtly persuade us that the proposals will have minimal impact whereas the impact on our vulnerable rural community will be utterly devastating. The whole scheme would cut through hundreds of green belt agricultural land which will be needed all the more for food production, if the population is going to increase as predicted. It will not be possible to reclaim the lost land. It would also destroy large areas of woodland and wildlife habitats.
5. A far better and cheaper option would be to improve the M56/M6 access at junction 20 on the M6. The present access is ridiculously convoluted - no wonder vehicles avoid using it.
6. The H.A. have a statutory duty towards **all** members of the local community . These plans do not even acknowledge our existence, thus cannot possibly be considered a fair

consultation as our community is going to be ravaged by a senseless proposal. A  
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Yours sincerely,

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cc Mr.David Price.



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