A30 Chiverton to Carland Cross Inspectorate

Response by P.G. Mewton to the Highways response to written representation to apply for reason in Marazanvose

Dear, Inspector Ms Heidi Cruikshank,

Sorry for the lateness of this submission, but I have

If you have already decided to recommend a change in the planned route at Marazanvose, from through the hamlet to north of the hamlet, then I thank you for your good judgement. If you have not decided please read this brief, bare facts, appeal for common sense to prevail and disaster for residents to be averted.

I am certain that if this community is left for the rest of its existence dissected by 6 lanes of fast road, invasively close, issuing pollutions of noise, visual and dangerous chemical atmospheric natures, living there will be degraded, and it will not grow but decline irrevocably.

This will be done, affecting the lives of 9 or 10 individual families for the <u>rest of their lives</u>. All done to help other individual drivers save a few <u>seconds</u> of travel time through the area!!

An alternative route is possible that would minimally, if at all, affect travel statistics but would leave the community cohesive, a local road to Killivose and the parish church, open and the potential to grow and become a pleasant rural location with greater, 'apparent' isolation from the inevitable drone of commerce.

As for my personal and family's position at Nancarrow Farm, I must impress upon you the utter <u>enormity</u> of the invasion, not to say attack on our lives which we will suffer – for the rest of time!

The small organic, pioneering farm loses land, strategically important land for efficiency of management, and is further separated from land to the north of the existing road. I am fairly near retirement, but I did not wish to see my farm legacy, which I fashioned with tree planting and wildlife management, to improve the environment for my children and grandchildren to grow up in, be utterly defaced and destroyed! Lives of individuals and employees would be degraded for ever just to speed other individuals through a few seconds faster in a fleeting moment of their lives. <u>Illogical</u>?

The inevitable potential damage to the Nancarrow venue business is inescapable and hypocritical as business is supposed to be assisted by new infrastructure. I remind you an alternative is available. The arguments of Highways England are born of their blinkered determination to see their (someone's) pet idea of engineering vanity be made real. They will find evidence to justify it <u>after</u> conception, rather like the scientist who has a theory and sets out to find evidence to support or prove it, ignoring evidence which may disprove it. Bad, backward science! I hope you understand this has happened here.

Finally, on an individually personal level, the affect of this proposed road scheme has already changed, for the worse, my own life. I have been prevented from building my modest retirement home. This has been **for 3** years and changed my life <u>now</u> (living in a rental property off the farm) and left my future residential plans uncertain. Add to this the degradation of the value and quality of my Dad's bungalow (Agri tied) which I will inherit, by the encroachment of this invasive road, you will understand why I feel under <u>personal</u> attack. What have I done to deserve this treatment by my own 'democratic' government? I have produced good food, organically for the last 20 + years, following methods of agriculture which are now being realised to be the basis for a new environmental agricultural revolution.

It's just not joined up policy, madam inspector. In this time of global climate change emergency, the welfare of the environment, should be prioritised. A change of thinking must happen now where the preservation of the environment is the new bottom line in the costs/benefits analysis.

As I've said before, in these times, infrastructure schemes with the MINIMUM affect on environment should be chosen. At Marazanvose this scheme blatantly does the opposite. An adequate alternative route is possible in this case. I know it will take bravery to change now after so much planning and expenditure but stupidity and stubbornness are always costly. Radical change has to start somewhere , Heidi, please give us (the collective world and future generations) HOPE.

Yours sincerely, Best wishes Peter G. Mewton