

From: [Cllr McKay, Lesley](#)
To: [A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool](#)
Subject: Comment regarding the A585 Road Scheme
Date: 31 May 2019 23:22:31

Dear Sir,

I am emailing in my capacity of local Councillor for Tithebarn ward, Poulton le Fylde.

I wish to give my full support and endorsement to the comments previously submitted by Mr John Bailie, see below.

1. Deadline 2 date was 17 May. Deadline 3 date, by which time comments on Deadline 2 submissions had to be received, is 31 May (today).
2. Deadline 2 submissions were only placed on Planning Inspectorate website late on Wednesday 22 May.
3. Taking into account the Bank Holiday this gave just six full days in which to comment on the Deadline 2 submissions which included 53 large files from the Highways Agency.
4. As it is impossible to examine all those submissions in detail within that limited time scale, I refer to my Deadline 2 submission and would emphasise my particular concern regarding the ability / necessity for traffic to carry out U-turns (which involve negotiating around traffic islands) at the Skippool and Skippool Bridge Junctions.
5. It is acknowledged that occasional delays are encountered at the not unattractive Skippool roundabout but traffic does at least flow "around" it.

These particularly complex junctions, necessitating the demolition of several properties and the destruction of trees and hedgerows, to be replaced by oceans of tarmac and forests of traffic signals combined with the ability to execute these convoluted U-turns, will not only interrupt traffic flows and create more congestion and pollution but will visually create an eyesore at what is a landmark approach to the town of Poulton-le-Fylde and the approaches to Thornton.

6. As has been identified by LCC, traffic on the existing Garstang Road towards Poulton is likely to increase by up to 49% at peak times. Furthermore, traffic on Lodge Lane through Singleton village will also increase.
7. The proposed new road forms only 25% of the total route from M55 to Fleetwood. At each end it connects with existing congested single carriageway roads and involves convoluted zig zag approaches for traffic from Over Wyre and residences on Mains Lane.

I do not believe the proposed road and new layout will solve the problems currently facing commuters and local residents. The problem is only relieved for a relatively small section of road before adjoining the existing carriageway which will inevitably become a bottleneck at peak times.

I wish to request that the current proposal as it is, is rejected and plans are started again to create a scheme that solves the current problems with traffic flow rather than simply move the problem further down the road.

Please contact me directly should you have any queries.

Yours faithfully

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