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Dear Planning,

I would like to know what evidence you have to prove that traffic signals at a junction reduces congestion and therefore reduces journey time?

One of the aims with the so called Windy Harbour Improvement Scheme is to reduce the travelling time from Skippool to Windy Harbour however we have diligently filmed the roundabout at Skippool and the traffic light controlled Singleton junction and compared the number of vehicles passing through each of the roads. The number of vehicles passing through the non signaled junction is almost double that of the traffic passing through the signaled junction i.e. Singleton traffic lights. Every day of the week there are traffic tailbacks between Norcross and Skippool and the proposed new Skippool Junction will only add to the congestion causing gridlock at and beyond the proposed Norcross Junction.

Why do Highways England propose to put 44 traffic lights at the Skippool Junction, more at Skippool Bridge junction and then more at Garstang road junction a distance of less than a mile!!! It is obvious that this will delay traffic and cause much more congestion. Indeed in 2 recent newspaper articles I have read Highways England have admitted that traffic lights at junctions make journey times worse than before they were introduced.

I will not repeat the many concerns and objections that residents and commuters have with this ill thought out scheme but I urge you to arrange a date for the next Open Forum where the many who were unable to speak can have their say.

Kind Regards,
Maria Cassidy