

Firstly, I would like to mention how disrespectful and assumptive the media release by NH on 22nd April 2022 confirming KEIR the winner of Â£460m A417 Missing Link contract; when the Planning Inspectorate has not even delivered its findings. Has this been done to put pressure on the Inspectorate, making it more difficult to have a fair outcome?

Secondly, when the alternative routes were costed the savings predicted on NH's favoured route were not comparable even though the design changes were equivalent. The costs of this scheme seem to be rising to actual true cost.

Thirdly, this poorly chosen route will have a detrimental effect on the AONB for decades and development will ensue on the now isolated part of the AONB alongside the redundant road. As stated before, an AONB is supposed to have the highest protection in the land, and should not be spoiled when there is an alternative.

Lastly, there has been no transparency by NH, many questions asked by the public or inspectorate have not been answered; NH have been selective and only answered what fits with their development project, otherwise all smoke and mirrors.