

For the attention of Mr. Richard Holden M.P.



Dear Mr. Holden,

I have to admit that I have given some thought to this letter for several days, following the announcement that the dualling of the A.1 north of Morpeth has been delayed once again.

In 1969 some friends of ours bought a new house near Morpeth. My uncle commented that it was a good idea due to the fact that there had been mention of a new road there. In 1971 I got married and my friend was chief bridesmaid. She was late but eventually arrived in tears because she and her husband had been held up by a tractor and thought that they would miss our wedding.

Fast forward fifty- two years and my husband and I were on that same road on Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> September, to visit family. We had been making good time until we got to the stretch north of Morpeth. We crawled along until the next stretch of dual carriage way. It wasn't the rush hour – it was late morning. On the way home, again not the rush hour, we had the same hold-up and crawled along. Farmers have a perfect right to be on that road on a tractor when they are doing their work. However, it rather emphasises the fact it is still a country road.

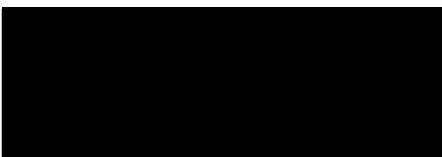
The proposed HS2 will end at Leeds so nothing for Durham and Northumberland. The latest estimate of costs is about 100 billion pounds. We have been waiting for 54 years to have parts of the A1 dualled. Frankly it should be dualled up to Scotland. To say that the new delay has gone down like a lead balloon would be an understatement. I've often wondered if members of the government believe that Northumberland is actually in Scotland, and therefore absolutely nothing to do with England. It certainly feels that way.

There has been much talk of levelling-up. But when exactly? In 2014 David Cameron was actually recorded saying that no-one would dare cancel the new road. How hollow the words seem now.

I realise that the new boundary changes will mean that there will be a change of candidates at the next election, and will be sorry if you go because I know from personal experience and experiences of friends that you are a diligent M.P.

Perhaps you may like to show my letter to The Secretary of Transport for consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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