

BPC are against the proposal DC-05 'Removal of junction for Sewage Treatment Works (and private residence) from A66, and provision of an alternative access from B6262.' We are particularly concerned about this newly changed road layout, whereby lorries going to and from the Sewage Works use a new junction with the B6262 close to its junction with A66. In particular the STP lorries travelling west to east – two councillors were informed at the Temple Sowerby Consultation that these lorries would have the option of turning back at Centre Parcs OR Coming back through Eamont Bridge and Brougham.

BPC are concerned for ALL roads in Brougham during the five year construction period. The volume of traffic and the safety of pedestrians in the B6262 in particular have been discussed at an on-site meeting in Sept 2020 with Traffic Maintenance Officer , Julian MacLaine. Indeed, Brougham parish Council have a further meeting this month with Laura McClellan, Traffic Management Team Leader, Westmorland & Furness Highways Department, as this is an issue which only appears to be getting worse.

Pedestrians numbers have increased and this road has become a dangerous rat run. It has become part of an established Penrith walking loop for Jubilee House, Lowther Caravan Park, a mother and toddler group and a ramblers over 60 group, visitors to 3 Historic Tourist Attractions – Brougham Hall, Brougham Castle and is St Wilfrids, Chapel. Brougham is also on The Lady Ann Way - a walk from Skipton to Brougham. It is also widely used by horse riders from stables at Clifton and Eamont Bridge. The road is also heavily used for Penrith Show , Pony Club and WW2 weekend at Brougham Hall. In addition, all roads around Brougham have farm businesses operating, which obviously adds heavy farm traffic to the roads.

BPC would like to work with Highways to discuss minimising the impact on all Brougham roads during this construction period, particularly with weight, height, speed signage and perhaps reduced access. A major concern however that BPC wish to highlight, is something that was raised in the National Highways A66 NTP Meeting Minutes of 30/03/23. Item 6.0 of these minutes state:

“It was noted that due to the high pressure pipe and avoiding safety issues as a result of the scheme, we will need to divert traffic.”

Brougham Parish Council feel the need to stress with great importance that a diversion of traffic along the B6262 through Brougham is simply not acceptable, sustainable or safe for both residents and other road users in the area.