

Deadline 7 Submissions on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project

Submitted on Behalf of Mr & Mrs Hayllar

9th May 2023

1. Introduction

1.1 We are instructed to submissions on behalf of Mr & Mrs Hayllar of

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1.2 We have previously submitted on behalf of Mr & Mrs Hayllar written submissions for deadlines 1,2,3, and 5. We do not propose to repeat those representations, but would stress that the issues raised remain unresolved.

2. Deadline 7 Submission – Removal of West View Farm underpass

2.1 The Applicant proposes to remove from the Scheme the underpass at West View Farm as part of their revisions to the scheme. Mr & Mrs Hayllar set out their objections to this proposed change in a Consultation Submission dated 27th February 2023 and we reiterate some of the key points below:

2.2 We must state that the proposed removal of the underpass is disappointing and undermines the (limited) information and assurances that the Applicant has provided to Mr & Mrs Hayllar throughout the process to date.

- 2.3 The proposed requirement to move stock across the bridge rather than the private underpass presents a security and safety risk. Inevitably at some point, other users (given numerous users will be using the bridge) will leave gates open for example. Stock can escape and cause harm to themselves or other members of the general public.
- 2.4 There are also significant safety concerns that would arise from moving stock across a bridge alongside other users. Some livestock may also be spooked and simply refuse to walk across the bridge. Changing conditions, for example wet weather and the increased road noise may also give rise to unpredictable reactions from livestock.
- 2.5 With the removal of the underpass it is unclear how Mr & Mrs Hayllar would access all of their retained land without tracking across crops; which ignoring the economic impact may not be possible depending upon the time of year and weather.
- 2.6 Where previously an umbilical cord could have been used through the underpass to allow efficient slurry spreading, this will not be possible. The lengthy diversion created by the removal of the access described above also means that it would be unviable to transport the slurry in tankers. This change therefore further undermines the farm business carried out by Mr & Mrs Hayllar. This also will create a hygiene and health and safety issue to other road users.
- 2.7 No access is shown to Mr & Mrs Hayllar's Land at Musgrave Lane. It is not feasible to rely on over their retained fields to reach this land; and

the loss of direct access would mean a far more substantial journey for even the simplest of stock movements.

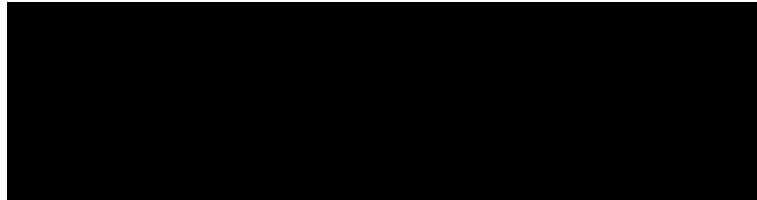
- 2.8 The proposed changes to the access and underpass also give rise to bio-security issues on the steading at West View Farm. Currently there are 'dirty' and 'clean' ends. The proposed changes would mean that there is no way of keeping dirty and clean ends separate i.e. slurry and stock would have to be moved stock through the clean end to the other side. The clean end is where milk is picked up and hygiene must be maintained. Walking the stock on alternative routes is not feasible and would give rise to welfare issues including foot problems for example.
- 2.9 Any Dairy will not collect milk from holdings where the necessary standards of cleanliness cannot be maintained, and the current agreement with Paynes Dairy sets this out along with punitive price reductions for minor failings. At the very least Mr & Mrs Hayllar would stand to lose milk-price premiums that they are currently able to obtain from the Dairy.
- 2.10 We have previously requested¹ that the Applicant carry out a Farm Impact Assessment to ensure that the detrimental effect of the scheme is fully understood and taken into account as part of this Examination. We would respectfully suggest that carrying out this exercise with and without the underpass would also show that the underpass would in

¹ Post Hearing Submission dated 14th March 2023

fact be cost effective when compared with the potential disturbance claim arising; and it is of course incumbent on the Applicant to ensure the best use of public monies.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 In conclusion, Mr & Mrs Hayllar strongly object to the proposed revision to the scheme to remove the underpass at West View Farm on the grounds of safety, security, animal welfare, and the increased losses that their existing Farm Business will incur.
- 3.2 We have previously asked that the Applicant carry out detailed Farm Impact Assessments, and submit that this would assist in demonstrating the value of retaining the underpass.



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