

Comments have been invited on the ExA's response to the changes proposed by National Highways. Change number DC-25 (removal of the Langrigg Junction), is very welcome to the inhabitants of [REDACTED], as it will (I understand) mean the new roads will be 50 metres away from the house rather than 15 metres. It is definitely an improvement on the original DCO application. Thanks to the parish councils, the ExA and NH for the work that has gone into this. Nevertheless, I continue to be concerned about the impact of the building of the dual carriageway and associated roads on two vulnerable old people, in terms of noise, disruption, air pollution, loss of the current beautiful views, and loss of value to their property. It is also not clear what will happen to the areas round the house. Will the concrete areas behind remain? Will the field become a wood? What are the projected noise levels during the period of construction?

As one of the current residents of [REDACTED] stated, "It's a pity it is not the northern route". Since there have been a number of incursions into the AONB in the revised designs, it is hard for residents to understand why a route north of the current A66 has not been selected for the dual carriageway.

On other matters, we continue to be concerned about the proposed relocation of the site for Brough Hill Fair, and the safety risks this creates for animals and humans alike. The issues raised by the very high carbon emissions predicted for the Appleby-Brough sections, also continue to be of great concern, both for the environment more generally, and for local residents.