

My elderly parents live at one of the houses affected by the A66 dualling at Langrigg. The recent changes taking the new road closer to the old road and moving the junctions are an improvement on the previous plan. However the planned changes would still make for a considerable reduction in the quality of life for these two residents.

Moreover, the northern route, despite having over one thousand signatures in favour of it, has never been given serious consideration, but rather dismissed with explanations such as the impossibility of going through an AONB, which turn out to be a bureaucratic sleight of hand. In this context, it is difficult to accept the dictum that a few should suffer for the good of the majority.