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**To:** [A66Dualling](#)  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

As a very interested party living and farming at Sandford junction, I still would like to say I am not against a new road that meets needs of present traffic conditions. However, driver attitude and driving to road conditions is the drivers responsibility. That never seems to be mentioned in all the papers I have read.

Having read all the issues remaining mostly to do with accidents, air pollution and blanket bog grass, it appears that whatever point is made is counteracted by the applicant with:

'Does not meet the strategic need for the Project.

Not financially or technically feasible.

Would not avoid impacts on European sites.'

For a person who only has to live and work in close proximity of the road all day and every day, things like keeping the speed to 50mph all the way through on the newly made dual carriageway must surely be worth considering. For air pollution considerations as well as for noise reduction levels. [M6 now has speed reduction for air pollution reasons]. Why is speed of the essence ? I thought it was meant to be safety. It takes 48 minutes to drive a straight 40 miles at 50mph. That is still faster than the average time it takes to travel the present road from Scotch Corner to Penrith; even in winter when tourist traffic is much less. I am speaking from much experience not a computer model; which of course I cannot compete against.

I maintain as in my earlier stated response that less junctions in and out must surely be cheaper and easier to construct and safer than keeping the same ones. If this present road, especially from Warcop camp west, had a dual carriageway built the other side of the present tree lined boundary on the north side of the road and keep the present road as a local road to join dual carriageway traffic at the Appleby by-pass section of the road; we would not be doing as much damage environmentally as no need to chop down a whole line of trees - probably a mile long. Those trees would serve as a sight as well as hearing screen from the dual carriageway and may help reduce air pollution. The scheme may replace them, but it would take another 30 years to get them to that stage.

Thank you,

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