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Dear Sirs

I have lived locally in [REDACTED] for nearly 30 years, am currently a Parish Councillor, and I am therefore very familiar with the upgrade from the Kemplay Bank roundabout to Junction 40 of the M6. I am writing this as a resident and not as a Parish Councillor. I have previously made my following views known during the consultation period only to be advised that the remit is to dual carriageway the A66 and not to consider alternatives.

The situation as I see it is that most of the heavy wagons (and there are many) travel west from Scotch Corner to the M6 and then north and from the north back to Scotch Corner. Junction 40 during holiday times becomes a complete nightmare with queues backing up to every entry point. These start well before Brougham Castle, way up the inside lane of the south bound M6 exit to junction 40, (how dangerous is that!), long tailbacks with traffic from Keswick, and finally queues backing up into Penrith.

Firstly, removing the Kemplay Bank roundabout for the A66 is unlikely to help as traffic queues are already continuous from the M6. My second point is that because of the volume of traffic using the roundabout at junction 40 there will always be tailbacks and the most frightening one is the queues on the south bound M6 where it will only be a matter of time before someone is killed. I don't believe the current proposal will solve the problem.

Please note that I am strongly in favour of the dualling of the A66. My suggestion is to abandon any changes to Kemplay Roundabout and revue the alterations to the exits off junction 40. However my main suggestion to reduce the travel volume would be to build a bypass north of Penrith, to run from the new flyover at Centre Parks to the little used junction 41 on the M6. I am not an expert on funding or timing but this would certainly remove 5 years of hell and the disruption from the current proposals, which I don't believe will solve the current problems.

I appreciate that this is a major change to the current plans but I beg you to give it serious consideration.

Regards

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