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On January 5<sup>th</sup> at 10.35am I received an email asking if I had any further comments to add to my earlier representations. Less than 10 minutes later I asked where I could see the latest proposals. At 16.02 on 19th January - only a few hours before the deadline for further comments - I received an email response which didn't help. It was so complicated that, if the latest proposals were hidden somewhere in what I was sent then I couldn't find them. If it is still proposed that there should be no right turn into Barnard Castle at Greta Bridge (coming from the east) and that all the extra traffic will come through Startforth with its inadequate roads and creating extra traffic going up The Bank in Barnard Castle (which already has problems) then that has to be changed. The previous justification was that a right turn at Greta Bridge would go through some parkland. This is an area of rough scrub land from which most of the trees have already been removed. Being parkland and not a natural landscape it is in reality a brownfield (manmade) feature. History is (at least in part) the study of how and why things change. The natural landscape was radically altered to make the parkland and so now history means that it is not unreasonable for it to change again - especially since the consequences of not changing are to cause very serious problems elsewhere.

This email is sent on the basis that the proposals have not changed. If they have changed and there will be a right hand turn into Barnard Castle at Greta Bridge then that will be alright. The problem is that no-one was able to tell me in a straightforward way what the latest proposals are.

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