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I appreciate The Secretary of States “minded to refuse” letter. Please find our comments below.

The amendments have still not taken any reasonable account of the increase in pollution levels for the area and the damage to places such as Burbage Common.

We are looking at a huge increase still in HGV traffic to the volume of one extra vehicle every minute 24 hours a day 7 days a week. There will be a massive increase in pollution, in noise, air quality and visually. The roads can not cope as it is and although the new road proposed may help somewhat there are going to be huge problems when an accident or breakdown causes this road to be closed or a lane to be shut down. Where will all the diverted traffic go and how can this possibly be catered for? Living just off the B578 myself and my husband are especially affected and concerned by the proposals. We fear our quality of life will be adversely affected.

At times such as a potential closure to this new road or one of its lanes, or another road in the area we are especially concerned that traffic will be diverted through Burbage via the Lutterworth road (B578) this being the escape route for HGV's etc to the A5. As anyone visiting Burbage will know the village has a lot of residential parking on the roadside, some partially on pavements. It has very sharp bends on the main B578 Church Street through the village and is a hazard to negotiate at the best of times. We already have a lot of experience of big HGV's coming this way to avoid the low bridge on the A5. There are so many HGV's that still hit that A5 bridge, several each month recently, and then all the traffic is funnelled through Lutterworth Road and Burbage village. It's already so difficult to navigate safely and we have a number of cyclists and horses to allow sufficient width for when particularly negotiating the sharp bend and other hazards such as pedestrians, wheelchairs, push chairs, and parked vehicles etc. There is a residential home in the village too so elderly people will be at additional risk should extra HGV's have to be diverted this way, or if some HGV drivers take the wrong route for whatever reason.

Thank you for the chance to respond, we hope this project can be stopped or at least modified to an extent that the community is not damaged.

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