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Dear Ms Moon

The Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP)

Thank you for your email dated 21 September 2023, on behalf of the parish council, regarding the possible impact of the Haweswater Aqueduct Resilience Programme (HARP). I am sorry that we were unable to reply by your deadline of 2 October 2023.

You have addressed your email, and its attached letter, to several distinct bodies. As this letter covers a wide range of subjects, I will limit my reply to the highways related issues. I trust that the other addressees will respond separately to any issues within their sphere of influence.

We are aware that vibration induced in properties from passing traffic can prove disconcerting, but it is unlikely to cause structural damage in our experience. Our historic vibration tests never reached a threshold at which structural damage would occur, according to the British Standard. We therefore no longer conduct such tests.

Should residents believe that ground borne vibrations are damaging their property in future, we respectfully ask that they provide evidence first. Ideally in the form of a structural engineer's report. They can send this evidence directly by email to: highways@lancashire.gov.uk, at which point we will then investigate further.

The weight limit on the Waddington Bridge is an environmental one, not a structural one. It aims to limit vehicles over 7.5 tonnes, more commonly known as HGVs, from travelling along this route. However, exceptions do apply and the bridge itself has an assessed capacity of 40 tonnes.

Any requests for additional measures or initiatives should be directed to UU or the Borough Council, as the relevant planning authority. We will collaborate with them on any agreed highway changes, where appropriate.

If the parish council has any other highways concerns, linked to the HARP project or otherwise, they should direct these to the Highways District Lead Team in the first instance. The District Lead team deal with highways queries from elected officials right across the county. You can contact them directly by email at:



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I would politely ask that you do not share the District Lead Team's email address with local residents, as this can prevent them from dealing with enquiries from elected officials. Instead, residents should contact the highways Customer Service team by telephone on: 0300 123 6780.

The 'Love Clean Streets' app is an even quicker way for residents to report highways issues. It is simple to use, it allows anyone to log an issue in seconds, and users can track the progress of their report.

Users can also add photos and use the 'location' service on their mobile device to pinpoint an issue. This extra information is especially useful, as it allows us to locate and address reported problems quickly. It can also allow us to deploy officers without an initial site inspection, saving even more time. You can find the app by searching for 'Love Clean Streets' on the [Apple Store](#) or the [Google Play Store](#).

I hope this helps clarify our position.

Yours sincerely



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