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Subject: APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 151314 - Existing roundabout junction of A49(T)

Dear Kelly

In regard to the Planning application detailed below:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: 151314 - Existing roundabout junction of A49(T) and

B4399, to a new roundabout with the A465, then joining the B4349,

DESCRIPTION: New single carriageway (Southern Link Road) and associated works.

APPLICANT(S): Ms Mairaid Lane

GRID REF: OS 347138, 237471

APPLICATION TYPE: Planning Permission

Cleghonger Parish Council wish to formally reiterate the objection to the application as already on file.

The following additional comments are made:

- There are questions being asked over the correctness of the ability of the Herefordshire Council to determine a planning application on which they have material and disclosable pecuniary interest in terms of land ownership. It has now become quite widely publicised that the prime driver for the building of this road is to join up land for extensive housing stock infill.
- There are questions being asked over the carrying out of a true cost/benefit analysis for the road with most expert opinion stating that there will be no tangible relief to the impact of traffic. The projections are that traffic on the SLR transferring from the A465 to the A49 will in all probability cause tailbacks beyond the roundabout and block the A49, B4399 and the SLR, for example holding up traffic heading into Rotherwas from the south.
- There is some misinformation being broadcast that the plans reflect "popular acclaim following local consultation". For example: *"During the development of the scheme the link from the A465 to the B4349 was included as a direct result of consultation with county councillors, parish councillors and members of the public. The Cleghonger Link was requested to provide a direct link to the SLR from the B4349. It was included in response to these specific requests and also in response to concerns raised about the safety of the existing junction of the A465 and B4349"*. This is **not** the case with local residents reporting that they were refused entry to "consultation" meetings and chosen invitees were presented with a series of "what ifs" to choose the least contentious option from. **No mandate for any such comment, or approval of route, was ever given to any "opinion" from representatives of Cleghonger Parish.** It is also reported that some local affected persons only discovered that this was the case at a meeting quite far into the process of route selection. This does not demonstrate the purported local consultation.
- There are still grave concerns for the destruction of ancient woodland and natural habitat areas.
- The intrusion of the large structures, flyovers and roads, noise and light pollution across part of the most beautiful countryside remains of great concern to all.
- Consideration of other alternative transport options and better use of the funding, in terms of maintaining key existing routes, does not appear to have been given a thorough thought process.

Thank you

Yours sincerely

Alison

***Mrs Alison Wright
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