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United Utilities – Haweswater Aquaduct Resilience Programme (HARP) **Sunday, 12 September 2021 in Chatburn C of E School Hall**

Over 80 residents attended the meeting held to discuss the Planning Applications submitted to the Borough Council representing two alternative routes for traffic management. The meeting was opened by the Borough Councillor, Mr. Gary Scott and the Chairman, Mr. Paul Whittaker who gave a short presentation on the two proposed routes. Members of the public were then invited to ask questions.

Points of concern raised by residents

1. **Congestion.** Chatburn roads are constantly gridlocked now due to the volume of the daily traffic already using them.
2. **Parking Facilities.** The introduction of a traffic light system and temporary parking facility will result in loss of parking for Ribble Lane residents, problems for Emergency vehicles and problems for those requiring access to their properties.
3. **Health.** Route 1 will cause air pollution for residents with respiratory conditions and constant noise will enhance mental health problems.
4. **Grindleton Bridge.** The bridge is narrow and difficult to negotiate with normal daily traffic.
5. **Flooding.** During periods of heavy rain, the road between Chatburn and Grindleton is flooded requiring vehicles to find an alternative route.
6. **Public Safety.** HARP should consider the danger to public safety as a priority.
7. **Damage to Property.** Vibrations from the HGVs could result in the instability of external perimeter walls which has happened to other villages when there has been a major diversion.
8. **Publicity.** It was reported that several residents had not read the Parish Council's letter setting out the two planning applications from United Utilities. It was suggested that posters be placed in the village setting out the importance of Route 2.

Before closing the meeting, those attending were urged to make observations to the Borough Council recommending the approval of Route 2. It was important that as many residents write with individual comments as this would carry more weight than a petition.