

## GREENHALGH-WITH-THISTLETON PARISH COUNCIL

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Dear Sirs,

**Planning appeal under Section 78 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (Planning Inspectorate Reference: APP/Q2371/W/15/3134385)  
Consultation on a revised transport route strategy and related environmental information.**

1 The Councillors of Greenhalgh with Thistleton Parish Council have reviewed the three proposed routes to access the proposed Cuadrilla Roseacre Wood site by HGV's and have the following comments;

2 All of the proposed routes in this part of the Fylde are totally unsuitable for large HGV's, particularly in the numbers of vehicles anticipated to be needed to carry out the preparation and operation of the site.

3 The vast majority of these roads are narrow such that the passing of HGV's would be impossible along several sections and they contain numerous tight bends, often blind due to the hedgerows. The consultation papers show a plan to create numerous lay-bys along the routes which would totally destroy the character of the area by the removal of lengths of hedgerow.

4 As this is a farming community the roads are used by farm vehicles at all times of the day and night.

5 There are very few footpaths along these roads thus pedestrians would be at serious risk along the routes and similarly they are used by horses and cyclists thus there would be a high potential for hazardous conditions.

6 Considering the proposed routes (Red and Green) that traverse our parish we are particularly concerned over;

- 7 • The addition of significant numbers of HGV's using the A585 to and from Junction 3 of the M55 to the Thistleton North junction. This road is at near gridlock at peak times daily making it hazardous for traffic trying to leave the M55 as well as making access onto or across this road near impossible from residents along the road.

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- The amount of traffic leaving or joining the A585 at the Thistleton North junction is significant and other agencies have expressed concerns over the safety of this junction when recent house development applications have been submitted. Despite these concerns some or all of these applications have been granted so the situation at this junction will worsen. Thus the addition of numbers of HGV's turning off the A585 at this location will create a greater hazard by backing up the turn right lane and blocking the main carriage particularly if convoys of vehicles are used as at the Preston New Road site. Similarly HGV's trying to join the A585 will delay the normal traffic using this junction creating frustration with the potential for accidents as drivers take risks to join or cross the road.
- Experience of the traffic route for the Preston New Road site shows that while there is an agreed route it is not always adhered to. With likely problems with the Thistleton North junction it is highly likely that drivers will use the Thistleton South junction as an alternative. A contractor with a site in Elswick uses large HGV's and they have been seen using the south junction, although not supposed to, and causing damage to the grass verges and tree protection order trees along the route to the junction with Elswick. This road has only a short length of footpath and there are at least two equestrian sites thus there would be a significant risk to pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and their horses should numerous HGV's start using this road.

In summary we would suggest that there are no suitable routes for HGV's to access the proposed site at Roseacre Wood because all of the proposed routes would create numerous hazardous conditions and in particular using either the Red or Green routes would create a significant risk to traffic safety at the Thistleton North junction.

Therefore we strongly object to any of these proposed routes being approved.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Greenhalgh with Thistleton Parish Council

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