

## HGVs THROUGH NEW LONGTON – UPDATE 4/6/2020

As many of you will know the Parish Council have twice made approaches to LCC to have a vehicle weight restriction applied to New Longton in order to reduce the impact of HGVs going through the village now that the bypass is open.

The official response from LCC can also be viewed on our web site

<http://www.longtonparishcouncil.org/>

LCC have explained their rationale for not imposing such a restriction but have indicated that they would consider signage on the A59 directing HGVs to use the new bypass.

At this time no firm proposals have been forthcoming regarding the signage.

Some Parish Councillors continue to get calls from residents who are unhappy with the LCC decision and would like the decision to be reviewed

1. Longton Parish Council will be seeking further information concerning the installation of appropriate signage to try and find out what has been decided. Signage before entering the village may encourage HGV drivers to use the new route.
2. The Chairman of Longton Parish Council will also be contacting the Cabinet member for Highways to seek to have the situation reviewed.
3. Lancashire County Councillor Graham Gooch has already written to one company requesting that their drivers do not short cut through New Longton Village

If we are to present an improved case for weight restrictions or obtain necessary signage or be able to contact companies whose drivers use the short cut it will be necessary to provide more evidence as to the level of current disturbance and which companies continue to use the shortcut.

Longton Parish Council suggest that residents who have raised issues should INDIVIDUALLY write direct to County Councillor Keith Iddon, the Cabinet Member for Highways who signed the initial response letter explaining their issues so that he is fully aware of why there is such a depth of feeling amongst residents. [keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk](mailto:keith.iddon@lancashire.gov.uk)

It is also suggested that any letters sent are copied to the Clerk at Longton Parish Council since this might help with any further representation. [longtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:longtonparishcouncil@hotmail.co.uk)

It would also be helpful for residents to obtain details of the companies using the short cut and to supply these to the Clerk to Longton Parish Council so that appropriate requests can be made to the companies concerned.