

Dear Mr McEnnerney-Whittle

Thank you for your email of 15 July 2020 on behalf of Longton Parish Council, about the number of HGVs passing through New Longton. I have been asked to reply and I am sorry for the delay in doing so.

Your comments reflect a number of similar concerns raised by residents of New Longton, who suggest that the number of HGVs using the village's roads may have increased since the opening of the nearby Penwortham Bypass.

As many local residents had raised the same issues Mr Phil Durnell, our Director of Highways and Transport, recently met with County Councillor Graham Gooch to discuss the situation. County Councillor Keith Iddon, our Cabinet Member for Highways also attended, along with Mr John Davies, Head of Highways.

As a result of this meeting, we agreed that we would take steps to encourage HGVs drivers who drive through New Longton to use the new Penwortham Bypass instead. This would initially involve the provision of several 'preferred HGV route' signs on the A59 and A582. These measures would supplement some minor changes planned for the general direction signs which will similarly guide HGV drivers to use the new bypass. We will monitor the effect of these new signs for a period to make sure that they are having the desired positive effect. If not, we will consider alternative solutions to help address residents' concerns.

Whilst we welcome the time you have already taken to suggest some alternative solutions, we have no plans to introduce such measures at this time. I realise that this may not be the response you were hoping for, but I hope this explains our position.

If you have any other highway issues you wish to report you are welcome to do so. You can do this by contacting our Customer Services Team directly by telephone on: 0300 123 6780, or online through our Report It system.

I have also copied County Councillor Michael Green into this reply for his information, as he represents the adjacent ward.

Yours sincerely

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**Subject:** HGVs through New Longton

Phil

At last night's Parish Council meeting which was attended by many residents two new suggestions were put forward and I have been tasked to write to you for a response to these new ideas.

***Write to LCC asking them to consider an experimental TRO weight restriction***

It was suggested that there is provision to put in place such an order without the usual delays of consultation etc and by doing this it would test the case for a permanent order in the future.

*Write to LCC asking them to consider extending an existing refuge and create a new one at junction Wham Lane and Station Road to create a physical barrier to LGVs.*

Below is the suggestion as put forward:

There might be a possible solution to the problem of the HGV's that come through New Longton village that hasn't been considered. At the moment there is a "pedestrian island" on station rd. between the school and the corner shop. This "island" is set a few metres back from the end of the road, if it were extended to Wham lane/Hugh barn lane then the HGVs would have a much tighter turning angle which would hopefully prevent some of the bigger lorries turning right into Station road. A similar "pedestrian island" could be placed on Wham lane to prevent the lorries turning left from Station road onto Wham lane. This would of course just mean that the lorries would then use Hugh barn lane and Moss lane but an enforceable weight limit on the bridge on Moss lane would prevent this. Presumably a camera could spot lorries over this weight limit. Buses will still have to use the Wham lane/Station road junction so the islands will have to be strategically placed. Naturally this will cost a fair amount of money but relative to the money spent on the by pass, an affordable amount I would have thought.

I would appreciate your observations on these ideas

Bill

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