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Bypass will halt our pony express

PLANNERS are facing the most unlikely protest yet over the proposed route for the Heysham M6 link.

Two 10-year-old Lancaster pals have complained that they would have to find a new home for pony Mia.

"It's not fair," said Frances Kendall.

"Mia wouldn't have enough room," added friend Chloe Maguire.

The pair live in Endsleigh Grove near Lancaster & Morecambe College.

Mia, a five-year-old black Dales pony, is in the field behind their homes.

Banking to curb noise from the link would, however, take up the space if the route went ahead as currently proposed.

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So the two youngsters, who go to Torrisholme Primary School, wrote to Lancashire County Council to protest.

"I told them Mia would have nowhere to live," said Frances, who actually owns the pony.

She decorated the letter with hand-drawn trees and flowers.

Mum Mandy Kendall said Frances asked if she could write too when she heard Mandy planned to object. "The girls adore Mia and do everything for her together. She is part and parcel of their lives."

Mrs Kendall herself has a retired racehorse – 10-year-old Sauvognie – who shares the field at Torrisholme with the pony.

"I don't think we would be able to organise anything as convenient as the facilities we have now," she added.

The county council thanked the girls for their letters.

"Officers will consider their comments to decide if further measures could be included," said a spokesman.

"All comments we receive relating to specific planning applications are considered when determining the application.

"Residents' concerns are taken into account and where possible, measures are considered to minimise the impact of a development."

Lancashire County Council has had 600 letters about the proposed northern route for the M6 link. All but a small number are against it.



OUR LITTLE PONY: Frances Kendall and Chloe Maguire with their pony Mia.

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