


# HEYSHAM M6 LINK

# NEWSFLASH!

Our MP Geraldine Smith calls it a white elephant!  
TSLM says it's a DESTRUCTIVE and UNDERPERFORMING road that fails our district

## JOIN THE CAMPAIGN FOR A PUBLIC INQUIRY.

<p>See the true facts for yourself. <u>Drop in anytime</u> to one of the <b>TSLM EXHIBITIONS</b> about the Heysham M6 Link Road Pictures, facts, alternatives. Discuss your concerns, and find out what to do next.</p>		<p><b>Slyne</b> with Hest, Memorial Hall, Hest Bank Lane <b>Monday 13 November 3 to 7 pm</b></p> <p><b>Vale</b> of Lune Rugby Club, Powderhouse Lane <b>Tuesday 14 November 3 to 7 pm</b></p> <p><b>Halton</b> Youth &amp; Community Centre, Low Road <b>Thursday 16 November 3.30 to 7 pm</b></p>
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Lancashire County Council has ignored the many sound objections, and voted for its own road plan. But the fight against the monster road is not over. You can still stop it. **Please write now** to Government Office North West and demand that they set up an independent public inquiry.

### **Please write a letter or email to GONW, & copy it to the 3 people below:**

1. Government Office for the North West (GONW)

Write to: Ossie Knight, Planning Casework Team, Government Office for the North West, 12<sup>th</sup> floor, City Tower, Piccadilly Plaza, Manchester M1 4BE

Or email: [Ossie.Knight@gonw.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Ossie.Knight@gonw.gsi.gov.uk)

2. Ruth Kelly at the Department for Communities & Local Government (DCLG)

Write to: Rt Hon Ruth Kelly MP, Department for Communities and Local Government, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU

Or Email: [Contactus@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Contactus@communities.gsi.gov.uk)

3. Douglas Alexander at the Department of Transport (DfT)

Write to: Rt Hon Douglas Alexander MP, Department for Transport, Great Minster House, 76 Marsham Street, London SW1P 4DR

or email [Douglas.Alexander@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Douglas.Alexander@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

4. Geraldine Smith MP

Write to: Geraldine Smith MP, House of Commons, London SW1A 0AA

or email [smithg@parliament.uk](mailto:smithg@parliament.uk)

If you send emails, be sure to add your postal address

**Please ask every adult in your household to send their own letter- EVERY letter will count. Please do it urgently.**

- Lancashire County Council has ignored the controversy and has decided to support the Northern route. **But the real hurdles for the HGV dual carriageway still remain.**

- **But the battle is far from over.** The County Council have **yet to persuade the Government to blow over £137 million on the feeble plan**, and the Government Office for the North West has blocked the Council from going any further without reference to it. This gives the Government the opportunity to **call the matter in** for the **much needed independent public inquiry**. If that were not enough, the Northern route has a formidable opponent in the district MP Geraldine Smith who called the Northern route **a white elephant** at the planning hearing!

- **This road is not designed to combat our local congestion problem.** It will attract more heavy traffic into the area en route to the ferry.

- At a time when the government is making plans to combat environmental damage and climate change, following the ominous **Stern Report**, County Hall carry on regardless with plans that encourage more cars and lorries onto our roads.

- The Council admits that the road will do **little to relieve traffic in Lancaster City centre**, and it **does nothing for regeneration south of the river** at Bailrigg and Luneside. The University, the main employer in the district, remains cut off from Morecambe and North Lancaster.

- 173 acres of our **Green Belt will be destroyed** if the Council gets its way. The very future of **Lancaster and Morecambe College is under threat: 900 jobs there could well be at risk**. The **health and wellbeing of thousands** of us who live near to the HGV route will be affected by **noise, fumes, vibration and light pollution** from the HGV monster

- **The people of the district** have not been consulted since the plans were published in 2005, and no **package of less-destructive alternatives to building this monster** have been considered.

- David Gate, Chair of Transport Solutions for Lancaster and Morecambe (TSLM), said: "It can't be right that Councillors promote the road, pass their **own plans** and then **brush aside the residents** along the route"

- We must all now write to demand a public enquiry. Spending **£137 million on 3 miles** of road that doesn't relieve congestion in Lancaster City Centre – that cannot be value for money! Our MP Geraldine Smith spoke against the road and said that if it goes ahead people will be so disappointed because **it will not solve the congestion in Lancaster**. You're not kidding Geraldine - people will be downright furious!"

No residents spoke in favour of the scheme at the hearing, but determined folk from Torrisholme, Slyne and Halton spoke against. They are fearful of the **massive structures at TORRISHOLME**, which will destroy the quiet residential district. At **SLYNE**, **congestion on the A6 will get worse**, with traffic up 87%, and another set of lights to contend with. **HALTON will see 'rat running'** through the ancient narrow streets, and many more damaging problems

***NOW IT'S YOUR TURN to demand the 'call in'. We want the Government to appoint an independent inspector to review this destructive and underperforming plan. You, your friends and neighbours, must please, as a matter of urgency, write or e-mail to the Government Office for the North West, and send a copy to Ruth Kelly, the Department for Transport and to Geraldine Smith MP. Demand the 'call in' and the appointment of an independent inspector. You don't have to say much more than that. You will join many hundreds of other people who have already written. Please do it now to save the area from the nightmare prospect of the monster road!***