

In view of the current national debt I am astounded at the fact that the Government are prepared to waste circa £900 million of UK taxpayers (I.e. MY money) on the proposed route when there is another, cheaper alternative route option at Stanah. The development at Stanah would bring much needed jobs and investment to their area and would involve development on a brownfield area rather than destroying valuable greenbelt land under the proposed plans. Then Stanah development option, in addition to being a much cheaper, more cost effective option, will be quicker to deliver, therefore leading to less disruption to the surrounding area / residents. It will have less impact on people's mental health (from sound opened logistical impacts during and after construction, to children's learning/brain development due to proposed proximity to schools), nature (due to disturbance / destruction of natural habitats), and local economy (due to loss of / disturbance to trading e.g. at local riding schools, or through the loss of valuable farming land) and this could all be avoided if the site is moved to a commercial area and moved away from a heavily populated residential area. I suspect, natural frustrations amongst local residents using the traffic lights at the top of Kirkham Road, will lead to an increase in accidents if the increase in HGV traffic causes an increase in traffic queues. The junction of Hillock Lane with Kirkham Road is another well known accident spot locally and another place for potential increase in accidents due to road user frustrations.