

## Disproportionate Impact on the Local Rural Community

We live along the proposed route and, like our neighbours, rely entirely on these roads to get to work, school, healthcare services, farms and for everyday activities. The proposed road closures and restrictions would force residents to take long diversions just to carry out normal daily tasks and would cause major disruption and isolation within the local community.

I am concerned that this development places a significant burden on the local rural community while offering little or no real benefit to the residents directly affected by the works.

The project would bring prolonged construction disruption, noise, dust, traffic delays, road closures, vibration, visual disturbance and air pollution from heavy construction traffic and machinery for an estimated six-month period.

The local community is being asked to put up with major disruption to daily life, residential amenity and local access without any clear local benefit from the project.

The local road network is narrow, rural in nature and not designed for disruption on this scale. The proposed trenching works, temporary closures, traffic management systems and heavy construction traffic would place huge pressure on roads already heavily relied upon by local residents and farming families.

This is a working rural agricultural area. Any prolonged road closures, restricted access or construction traffic delays would seriously interfere with normal farming activities and create major difficulties for people whose livelihoods depend on reliable daily access.

I do not believe the application properly considers the full impact these works would have on residents living directly along the route. There is also insufficient detail regarding traffic management, environmental protection, road reinstatement and how residents' quality of life will be protected during the construction phase.

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