

Heysham M6 Link UPDATE

Dear Supporters,

Now is your chance to tell the IPC what you think about the road scheme.

Lancashire County Council (LCC) submitted the application for the Heysham M6 Link Road to IPC (Infrastructure Planning Commission, the new planning authority) on 6 December 2011. IPC had 28 days to consider it, but rushed the decision through by 23 December 2011.

This does not mean they accept the scheme, just that they will examine it. The next important stage is for everyone who is interested in the scheme to register with the IPC **between 11 January and 20 February**.

It is very important that the IPC hears the views of everyone who thinks, like TSLM, that the project is wrong.

You can register

EITHER ONLINE on the IPC website

<http://infrastructure.independent.gov.uk/projects/north-west/heysham-to-m6-link-road/>

and complete the registration form online.

OR BY POST

Phone the IPC Helpline on 0303 444 5000 and ask for a paper form.

Give brief reasons why you oppose the scheme. Limit your response to 500 words. You can give more detailed reasons later.

We hope that as many people as possible will register and tell the IPC why they oppose the scheme. This is very different from writing to LCC. The County Council is the promoter of the scheme, and has never listened to those who opposed it and pointed out better alternatives. But the IPC is an independent body and is obliged to listen to our concerns.

There are many reasons why you may oppose the scheme. Overleaf we list some of them. If you wish, you may use them as you register.

This may be your last chance to state your opposition to this damaging road scheme. Please register now!

Yours sincerely,

David Gate

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Some reasons why you may oppose the scheme

- Consultation has been inadequate. Lancashire County Council has consulted on some details of the scheme, not the scheme as a whole.
- Other alternative solutions have not been properly considered, for example a package of sustainable transport measures
- Other routes have not been properly considered
- Other designs have not been properly considered, for example:
 - road under, rather than over, the West Coast Main Line and Lancaster Canal
 - Traffic light controlled junction at Morecambe Road/ Torrisholme Road, rather than embankment 26 ft high
- Road doesn't solve local congestion: traffic increases on many roads
- Road doesn't achieve stated aims: job forecasts are unreliable.
- Scheme will damage North Lancashire Green Belt and Lancaster Canal
- Scheme will damage local communities, bringing noise, light and air pollution.
- Scheme will be unsightly: road on embankment 26 ft high at Morecambe Road/ Torrisholme Road
- At Halton,
 - traffic will increase by 74% on Halton Road, which is already dangerous.
 - Steep incline on Lune Bridge will increase noise
- Cost to Lancashire taxpayers not clearly stated.