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21st March 2016

Dear Richard

New Tyne Crossing, Low Prudhoe

Hedley Parish Council support the proposal outlined in your letter of 2nd March last. Briefly, it is supported because of: ~ the problems associated with an out of date bridge and the amount of traffic it is expected to carry;

~ the appalling delays and shoddy workmanship in attempting to upgrade the bridge, which were not helped by the substantial flooding in December 2015, not to mention the cost to date;

~ Businesses, school pupils, tourists – all are suffering from a lack of a sensible crossing between Hexham and Newcastle. For example, Corbridge relies on traffic lights; Bywell Bridge is too small for heavy traffic;

~ An upgrading of the A69 will take more traffic that might wish to cross the Tyne to the A695 and other points – at present there is no sensible option.

Yours sincerely



Clerk to Hedley Parish Council

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15th March 2016

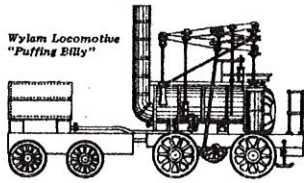
Dear Mr. Whinney,

Thank you for your recent letter asking for support for a New Tyne River Crossing at Low Prudhoe.

This was discussed at Ovington Parish Council's meeting on 7th March and I can confirm that the Councillors are broadly in favour of your proposals for a new crossing. They felt that they could not support any suggestion of widening the current bridge as neither Ovingham, nor Ovington, as you rightly point out, would be able to cope with any increase in volume or size of traffic. The Councillors agreed that any new bridge must be located on a different stretch of the Tyne further east and ideally linking the A695 with the A69.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. M. Davenport
Clerk to Ovington Parish Council



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29th March 2016

Mr. R. Whinney, Clerk,
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Dear Richard,

New Tyne River Crossing, Low Prudhoe.

Thank you for Prudhoe Town Council's letter of 2 March 2016 regarding the above, which was considered by Wylam Parish Council at its regular monthly meeting on 14th March 2016.

I am sorry to have to report that Wylam Parish Council felt unable to support Prudhoe Town Council's request for a new Tyne crossing. They felt that the cost of the scheme would be prohibitive: the Faber Maunsell feasibility study published in 2007 had put the cost of a new crossing at around £34 million. They were of the opinion that most heavy traffic uses the Prudhoe bypass. They also felt that a new road leading to the A69 would scar the landscape.

I wish you every success in your dealings with our local MP and the Secretary of State for Transport. £34 million is a very modest amount compared to the billions that are being spent on infrastructure in London. Please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Council again as your initiative progresses – perhaps different circumstances will elicit a different response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Diana M. Carney'.

Diana M. Carney
Clerk to the Parish Council

Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council

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5 April 2016

Dear Mr Whinney

New Tyne River Crossing, Low Prudhoe

Further to your letter of 2 March 2016 relating to the above subject, I write to inform you that the letter's content was discussed at the meeting of Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council on 4 April 2016.

The Council believes that the points raised within your letter are relevant to residents of Broomley and Stocksfield and finds nothing within it with which it can disagree. In particular, the projected increase in population in the area which is included in the draft Northumberland Local Plan would result in significantly increased volumes of local traffic. It was also noted that a new river crossing would potentially contribute to a considerable reduction in the volume of traffic, including heavy goods vehicles, using the A695 through Stocksfield.

The Council therefore wishes to add its support for the proposal for a new road crossing of the River Tyne, as outlined within your letter.

Yours sincerely

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Nick Spencer

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Richard Whinney

From: Margaret Davenport [ovinghamparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk]
Sent: 29 March 2016 11:36
To: Richard Whinney
Subject: Re: TYNE RIVER CROSSING: ENQUIRY

Richard,

Apologies for delay in replying.

Unfortunately at their latest meeting the Parish Council were not able to discuss the letter fully and have adjourned it until their meeting in April (21st April). I hope I will be able to respond then.

Regards

Margaret
Clerk to Ovingham PC

From: Richard Whinney <prudhoe@c@hotmail.com>
To: ovinghamparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk
Sent: Thursday, 3 March 2016, 12:38
Subject: TYNE RIVER CROSSING: ENQUIRY

Dear Mrs Davenport

Please find attached a letter regarding the above, to be brought to the attention of Ovingham Parish Council.

Kind regards

Richard

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