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Re: National Highways A38 Road Safety Scheme – Liskeard to Trerulefoot section

I am writing on behalf of Menheniot Parish Council and the local community to request a meeting with you to discuss our serious concerns with the proposed National Highways A38 road safety scheme between Liskeard and Trerulefoot.

The A38 is a vital transport link for businesses across the area, providing essential access for customers, employees, suppliers and deliveries. While we recognise the importance of improving road safety, it is essential that the potential impact of the scheme on local businesses and the wider community is fully understood and properly considered.

There are concerns that the proposed changes could adversely affect business access, customer journeys, delivery arrangements and the overall viability of businesses operating along this important route. For some businesses, even relatively small changes to access arrangements or journey times could have significant commercial consequences.

We would therefore welcome the opportunity to meet with you, alongside representatives of the local businesses affected, to outline our concerns, discuss the potential implications of the scheme and propose changes or alternative arrangements that will mitigate any negative impacts and still deliver the objective to reduce the risk of serious and fatal collisions

We believe it is important that the voices of the local community are heard before decisions are finalised and that meaningful engagement takes place between National Highways, local businesses and elected representatives. I did try to contact the project engineer Jack Mason on a number of occasions to discuss the project and how the Parish Council planned to seek views from the community to feed back to him as he requested, alas I received no response.

A number of meetings have now taken place with the wider community focussed on alternative proposals. The views of the community have been informed by assessments from consultant highway engineers and the local Police.

The community does understandably question whether any serious consideration will be given to alternative options that will deliver the same outcome but without the cost to be borne by the community as a whole.

We would be grateful if you could please suggest a suitable date and time, at your earliest convenience, to meet to discuss alternatives and to seek your support for this approach to National Highways.

We look forward to hearing from you and hope that, by working together, we can achieve improvements in road safety while protecting the interests and future prosperity of local businesses and the wider community.

Yours sincerely,

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