

From A595 Action Group - a response to the Public Consultation re Grizebeck Road Improvements

- 1 The Action group is pleased that the government has shown concern for this project and that CCC has moved quickly to a Public Consultation process.
- 2 The Action group has no position on which route shall be chosen. This will be done by discussion by the CCC and local residents.
- 3 The Action group works closely with the Parish Council and the Footpaths and Bridleways group.

We would like to make the following points:

- 1 The stretch of road between Ireleth and the Grizebeck junction has a number of “pinch points”. It is dangerous to allow traffic to race towards these areas, so there should be adequate speed restrictions along the road to allow traffic to flow safely.
- 2 The proposed Red Route has very little support in the area, especially from Grizebeck residents.
- 3 The proposed Blue Route is viable but would need further consultation.

We put forward a few considerations to be taken into account:

- The community of Grizebeck would be divided by a highway.
- The cottages at Dove Bank would have a highway behind and above them.
- It would have a detrimental effect upon a working farm.
- The farm land would be divided and either a bridge or a tunnel would be needed for the farmer to move his animals from one field to another.
- The construction would be very complicated due to the nature of the substrata.
- Water courses would be altered with a risk of creating flooding elsewhere.
- The junction at Chapels would mean traffic coming down the new road at excessive speed onto an area that has three roads joining it.
- Both the junctions would be dangerous unless very careful restrictions were put in place.

- 4 There are residents who are urging CCC to reconsider and cost the other options to the east and west of Grizebeck and they would appreciate the information on both routes.

It has been pointed out for example that a very high percentage of the traffic on the A595 is in the north/south direction westward of Grizebeck. Would it not be possible to do preliminary costings of this westward route? There are of course engineering and environmental problems to this route.

The advantages may be:

- faster traffic times
- more level road therefore less carbon emissions

- 5 Money spent on the improved road/infrastructure will have a positive and needed affect upon the local economy.

- 6 Provision is made for pedestrian walkways and cycleways.

We would be pleased to hear from you when the results of the consultation process will be announced and what the next stage of the process will be.

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