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Planning application no: 3/2012/1092 states, in paragraph 6.10.12, page 32, transport assessment:

"... the Henthorn Road/Eshton Terrace/Thorn Street junction is forecast to operate in excess of its theoretical capacity in the PM peak base scenarios. This continues to be the case during the PM peak periods in the assessment scenarios."

Dear Sir / Madam,

Clitheroe is divided west to east by the railway.

The west part of the town, shaded red on the attached map, has seen a large increase in housing.

The east part of the town has also seen development, largely in the form of commercial development. This part of Clitheroe has six large supermarkets; town centre shops; a market; two large secondary schools; The Grand; the railway and bus stations; trading estates; Castle Cement, restaurants; pubs; the Health Centre; Clitheroe Hospital; Holmes Mill ... etc.

The only access to any of the above, from the almost exclusively residential west side of the town, is via either of two small railway crossings. One crossing is situated on Eshton Terrace; the other is the railway bridge at Bawdlands. The only access to the A59 is through the town. Any of these destinations necessitate driving through the narrow roads of Eshton Terrace or Bawdlands areas; coloured blue on the enclosed map. Increasingly, large lorries use these two routes.

At the peak times both these railway crossing places become congested. The Henthorn Road / Eshton Terrace / Thorn Street junction is particularly difficult. Large lorries cannot negotiate the corner to turn along Henthorn Road. Corporation Street, with its parking on both sides of the road, is used as a short cut and/or a means of avoiding the Henthorn crossroad. Eshton terrace is effectively single lane as one side is used for parking. None of these roads have the capacity to absorb a high volume of traffic.

All traffic heading towards the town centre along Eshton Terrace is now routed along the small one way street of Woone Lane causing congestion at the roundabout at the bottom of Moor Lane, Lowergate and Queensway. Whalley Road, leading to the the A59, is very busy all day and particularly so at peak times with long tailbacks at the roundabouts.

There should be no further development on either side of Clitheroe until the issue of access from one side of the town to the other has been resolved satisfactorily.



