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Dear CC Swarbrick,

Re: A582 Consultation

As Leader of South Ribble Borough Council, I am writing to provide a response for the consultation that the county council is undertaking in relation to improvement works for the A582. While any improvements to the local road network, which is already often severely congested, is welcome I have continued concerns over whether the improvements will have the impact that is needed. I am disappointed that the dualling of the carriageway is not being progressed at this time, as this has been such a long-term aspiration for both SRBC and LCC. However, I wholeheartedly support the ongoing desire and intension of the County Council to move towards the future dualling of the A582, as is expressed in the consultation information.

I do need to take this opportunity to highlight that it is extremely important that the county council ensures that the road network, and the active travel network, remains fit for purpose to ensure that the Central Lancashire Local Plan can continue to move forward to adoption, and I expect that this has been comprehensively considered by the county council in the development of these proposals. This is particularly important in relation to the large development schemes that are already planned for the area. It is important that improvements to junctions do not in reality cause bottlenecks in the road network. I would appreciate your reassurance that these issues have been considered and you are confident that the planned works will not have an adverse impact.

It is also equally important that residents are kept informed of the progress and that I can be assured they will be notified when works commence, so that they are able to make adjustments to their travel routines to accommodate this and avoid any associated disruption as much as possible.

The Council considers working closely and proactively with Lancashire County Council on this matter, essential.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacky Alty".

Councillor Jacky Alty
Leader of South Ribble Borough Council and Labour Group