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ELWICK BYPASS MEETING - 26 MAY 2021

Majority confirmed need for bypass, recognising growth of traffic expected from new housing

Points Raised:

- Noise issues from new bypass
- Farmland split by road
- No provision shown for non-vehicular traffic at A19 junction
- No two-way access for Coal Lane residents

Concerns expressed re safety implications of the eastern junction of the bypass with existing rural Elwick road:

- Speed and volume of traffic coming from 7.3m wide bypass onto 6m wide rural road
- Proposed roundabout close to blind brow
- Village traffic would join at roundabout two-thirds up Craddon Bank

- Pedestrians/cyclists and horse riders unable to join fast moving, dense traffic at each end of village
- Impact of adverse weather conditions – snow and flooding
- Danger for farm vehicles e. g. combine harvesters

Existing rural road to High Tunstall inadequate to carry bypass traffic

- Dangerous access for residents at Naisberry crossroads
- Bottlenecks at High Tunstall roundabout and Wooler Road
- Fears bypass will transfer accidents and fatalities from A19 junctions to Elwick Rd

Strong preference for Option 5 joining at Naisberry crossroads

- safer access for Dalton and Elwick
- removes a narrow rural section of road
- logical access point to new developments at High Tunstall
- allows non-vehicular traffic to access town safely