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**Subject:** A35 Chideock Pollution

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Thank you for your email of 21<sup>st</sup> September I am replying on behalf of the Chideock By-pass Working Group which represents the Residents of Chideock which I am afraid have not been truly represented by their Parish Council. Most of whom are anti by-pass.

I note that you have said that you are considering various solutions to the problems being suffered by Chideock, but as yet cannot divulge them.

I have read your strategy, but its all future and much will not apply to Chideock. Chideock has been waiting for a by-pass since 1826.

You appear to be putting great faith in an Air Quality zone for Chideock. This may suit other areas of the UK, but Chideock has a fairly unique position and I wonder whether all of those involved really understand the implications apart from getting the technical side right and the various signs placed in various positions as far away as Dorchester and Honiton and reminders all the way along the stretches of the A35. The most important issues are;

1. Where does the traffic go.
2. Will you offer the local Residents of Chideock , Morecombelake, Ryall, Whitchurch Canicorum and others compensation for them having to change to a much more expensive vehicle to enable them to carry out their business or travel out and back again as much as several times of the day . Or will you give them a free pass and how will that work and who will it be available to. A plumber living in Bridport comes out to repair an emergency leak in Chideock, he has diesel van like most. Will he get a free pass or pay the Charge. The list of exceptions will probably be many.
3. What happens to HGVs. Unlikely someone is working on Electric or hybrid HGVs .What about HGVs (4.5 tonnes and over) requiring access for delivery to the 3 pubs, the B&B's, and Cairns Farm who operate out of Chideock?
4. Motorcycles, we have many come thru the Village . Will they be picked up. The "Harly's" are very polluting.

I am certain that there are many more examples. Have these and more been considered?

I believe that this has to be set up by 2020. Not much time to consult the Residents of Chideock and surrounding areas.

5. What charge will be made to ensure this works and reduce pollution to acceptable levels.

Let us look at where the traffic might go as you must be able to advise motorists where to travel if they are unable to travel thru Chideock or pay the charge.

Option one

A3066 thru Bridport, thru Beaminster, B3163 thru Broadwinsor, B3164,B3165 thru Marshalsea and Marshwood and reach A35 thru Raymonds Hill.

OptionTwo

A3066 Thru Bridport,Beaminster, Brunel Tunnel, Mesterton,Misterton,Crewkerne. A30 thru Chard to Yarcombe and the A303.

Any other roads in the area are single track farm roads with passing places. Anyone who knows the day that The Clock Pub in Chideock burnt down, will remember the grid lock thru these roads and when it all came to a halt at Shave cross for five hours.

I cannot see a lot of traffic wanting to travel thru these roads and the havoc it would cause the Farmers and Residents of the Farms and small hamlets.

Then consider the traffic thru Bridport, Beaminster, Marshalsea, Marshwood, Broadwinsor and Raymonds Hill, also Mesterton, Misterton and Crewkerne. These towns and villages are congested at the best of times and of course the famous Brunel Tunnel with passing only for narrow cars. You certainly cannot consider HGVs travelling thru these, towns ,villages and Tunnel, with sharp bends and only suitable for local traffic not the 16,000 to 20,000 ie 50% of the traffic travelling thru Chideock at peak times.

#### Option three

Dorchester A37 Thru Yeovil A30,A3088 to A303, A30 Honiton. This is the only viable HGV Trunk Route. But A37 is not a Trunk Road. Not sure whether DCC or South Somerset would want an extra 16,000 to 20,000 (at peak times) cars and HGVs on their Road.

#### Option Four

Dorchester A37 Thru Yeovil, A30 thru North and West Coker, East Chinnock, Crewkerne,Chard,Yarcombe,A30

#### Option Five

Dorchester,A37,A356 thru Frampton, Maiden Newton, South Perrott,Misterton,Crewkerne, B3165 thru Clapton,Birdsmoor Gate,Marshalsea,Marshwood toA35.

#### Option six

Dorchester,A37,A356 thru Frampton, Maiden Newton, turn off onto B3163 to Beaminster and follow thru Option One to A35 Raymonds Hill.

Options four, five and six could take cars but not HGVs but not in the volumes required of a Trunk Road and villages like North and West Coker, East Chinnock, Frampton, Maiden Newton, Beaminster, Raymonds Hill, South Perrot,, Misterton, Clapton, Birdsmoor gate with 20mph ,width restrictions , steep hills same as Chideock and sharp bends. All of these Roads would require signage to prevent A35 vehicles using them. Otherwise there will be Havoc and outcry in the villages of West Dorset ,South Somerset and East Devon.

If a Low Emission Zone for Chideock is set up. It will also require one for Bridport as pollution in East Street is very high and more vehicles coming thru Bridport will cause grid lock and severe pollution as at the best of times East and West Street traffic is at a standstill every day except Sunday, together with market day two days per week, with car parks at saturation point.

When considering the charge not only the extra mileage should be taken into account but the time taken.

An example of using Option Three the only viable Trunk Route. The distance to Honiton using the fastest route is an extra 25.2 miles for a medium size car if we take 45p per mile(per HMRC) this is £11.34 but it is an extra 56 mins. So the charge has to be set to really discourage drivers. In the case of fuel guzzlers and HGVs the rate should be tripled so we are talking of £34 and the time would increase to 69 mins. So we should be talking up £50 to £100 charge. But another example of someone wishing to travel to Lyme Regis 6.1miles from Chideock has to travel form Dorchester via Yeovil, A303 Honiton, A35,some 59.5 miles so travels an additional 53.4 miles @45p per mile £24.03 but extra time taken 1 hour 42 mins. For an HGV and guzzlers is £72 mileage plus some 2hours, therefore charge should be £100 at least for car and HGVs and guzzlers £200.So what is the charge to deter this traffic?

Of course pollution is not the only problem facing Chideock. Will a Low Emission Zone solve the problems of P2.5 particulates, noise pollution, vibration, safety, quality of life and the protection of a unique 17<sup>th</sup> century village and finally, accidents particularly of the catastrophic potential of HGVs out of

control destroying the centre of the Village, such as petrol and propane tankers. This has happened before on a number of occasions, but for the Grace of God no major fatalities have occurred.

To Conclude you have referred us to \_\_\_\_\_, unfortunately in the past, this \_\_\_\_\_ has not answered our emails or correspondence and has refused to allow one of our representatives to attend meetings with the Parish Council. As I stated above on this subject the CPC do not represent the Residents of Chideock, we do. Unless we are invited to attend all meetings regarding the future of The A35 thru Chideock and the solutions to its problems, we will continue to communicate directly your CEO and others on the Board of Directors, as we are communicating now directly with the Minister, Chris Grayling and our MP Sir Oliver Letwin until this problem is solved. Talking to the Organ Grinder and the decision makers comes to mind.

Following a meeting of CPC 25<sup>th</sup> September and the Late publishing of the minutes of your meeting with CPC in May, the CPC stated that they and everyone involved had no idea where the traffic would go ! Cannot comment on your meeting in August as the minutes have not been received by CPC.

The only sensible resolution is for a By-pass. Work with us not against us. We have lots of local knowledge and support.

Yours Sincerely Anthony Peacock