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To Whom It May Concern

Dear Sir/Madam

CONSULTATION: PROPOSED WEIGHT LIMIT, MALTON/NORTON LEVEL CROSSING

Please find attached a plan showing the location for a proposed weight limit across the Malton/Norton level crossing.

The restriction is being sought to reduce the number of large vehicles in the Castlegate area in order to improve the air quality here. Castlegate and the Butcher Corner area are covered by an Air Quality Management Plan and as such the County Council, as the Local Highway Authority, is working with Ryedale District Council to improve the air quality.

Large vehicles are seen as the greater contributor to the pollutants that are being measured by the District Council and so their removal from the area is seen as a key factor in helping to improve the situation.

This current consultation is seeking your views on the impacts of either a 7.5 tonne or an 18 tonne restriction across the level crossing. It is expected that the effected vehicles will bypass the level crossing and use the interchange at Brambling Fields to complete their journey. It is recognised that some journeys will still need to use Butcher Corner from the Old Maltongate, Wheelgate and/or Yorkersgate directions, but the limitations of the other access points from the A64 mean that currently this is inevitable.

Once I have received comments from the consultees I will discuss the options with colleagues and determine the way forward. It is expected that the matter will be an agenda item at the next Ryedale Area Committee held at the end of June.

To enable the proposal to be progressed I would be grateful to receive your comments in writing within 28 days.

Yours sincerely

Richard Marr
Area Manager

Cc: All Ryedale Area County Councillors, Malton Town Council, Norton Town Council, Sgt Jon Hunter (NYP), Ryedale District Council, Automobile Association, Ambulance Service, British Driving Society, Fire & Rescue, National Farmer's Union, RAC, NYCC Intergrated Passenger Transport, NYCC Traffic Engineering, Freight Haulage Association.