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Dear Cllr Harrington

In your capacity as Chair of the Outer North East Community Committee, I am writing to request that you write to Leeds City Council Highways to ask that they attend a future meeting of the Outer North East Community Committee. Leeds City Councillors, Parish Councils and residents of the Outer North East want Highways to listen to their concerns about HGVs in the area and bring forward new plans to improve the situation.

You will be aware that I have spoken with the Leeds City Council Highways team on many occasions to request a map of the HGV restrictions in place across the Harewood ward, something yet to be published, and it's my belief that to help all communities alleviate the problems, we should have clarity on all the restrictions across the Outer North East of Leeds.

The A659 in the villages of Collingham and Harewood have particular concerns about HGVs using this route as a "rat run" or "short cut" especially since the A1 upgrade, and I know other communities have raised concerns about HGVs using the A58 or town centres. The A61 Harewood junction is a bottle neck that doesn't allow HGVs easy access due to the space limitations of houses close to the road and parked vehicles. You'll also be aware of HGVs parking in lay-bys around the area when there is safer and more secure HGV parking available close by.

I appreciate HGV drivers may need access on some occasions to properties and businesses e.g. farm vehicles or deliveries, and that most HGV drivers will want quick and safe routes that allow them to get from A to B in a timely and efficient way. Ideally any plans proposed should help address their concerns too.

I hope that we can bring this forward in 2019 and allow Councillors and communities more certainty and clarity on the current restrictions and bans, as well as allowing new proposals to come forward that will allow HGVs to access safe routes and address the growing concerns of residents.

Yours sincerely,



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