

HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council

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Notice of Motion

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Access to the Bingswood Industrial Estate remains a major problem for residents, visitors and of course for those businesses located there. Heavy Goods Vehicles (also known as LGV's in Europe) struggle to make the turn on to Canal Street and frequently make the mistake of turning into Bridge Street, a dead end with a severely limited turning opportunity. Canal St is a narrow road with parked cars on one side. When the Post Office was located there, one lorry mounted the pavement and got so close to the premises that it hit the wall-mounted Post Office sign. Other vehicles have partly shed their loads, fortunately not hitting pedestrians. The road continues past the canal basin and the Grade 2* transshipment shed. HGV's continue along Bingswood Avenue, a residential street which used to be the rail access to the site.

When Tesco's sought permission for a store on Hoggs Yard they agreed to fund a new access to the Industrial Estate as part of planning gain. However, the Planning Committee refused the application. A smaller store was given approval and Tesco's committed £100,000 S106 towards the project of a new bridge. The Town Council secured planning permission for the bridge. However, despite over 20 years of trying the bridge was never built. The Tesco money has been lost because it could not be used. Other funding and land commitments have also lapsed. D2N2 have been supportive but were unable to fund the project because of European State Aid rules. Council announced that it was shelving the project. With the withdrawal from Europe we now have a new opportunity.

This Council calls on officers from HPBC to work with DCC, D2N2, WBTC and businesses on Bingswood Industrial Estate to proceed with plans and seek funding for a new access to the Industrial Estate (The 2nd Bridge). The 2nd Bridge would help secure the future of the Industrial Estate and open up further land, which is currently sterile, for development. When rules on European State Funding no longer apply on Jan 1st 2021 an oven ready plan should be in place to enable commencement of the project.