

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Good Afternoon,**

Please see below a message I received recently – apologies for the delay in forwarding as I have been away.

***Low Loader Incident Outside Shoulder of Mutton at Kirby Hill at 1430 hrs on 12 May 2023***

*XXXX & I were driving from Gayles into Kirby Hill on the above time and date . We encountered a traffic hold up in front of us as we approached the side of the pub by the phone box. XXXX was following us in his redoubtable tractor. The traffic was piled up in both directions as folks tried to get between the obstruction & church wall.*

*An army low loader had got passed the telephone box corner ...but was now parked across the front of the pub with the driver outside the cab. Apparently it had tried to negotiate the second bend going towards the old vicarage but had gone on to the verge and then almost down the bank . You will see its tracks on the verge and partially collapsed farm fence as a result. It managed to reverse back out into its stationery position outside the pub. Ultimately with assistance it was gone by 1530 on our return.*





The quarry campaign team would like this incident to be noted as we are very concerned about the transport routes which may be being considered for the proposed Gayles quarry traffic.

I have previously been contacted about the verge damage on Sturdy House Lane which has been as a result of the large white army buses having to pull onto verges to let troops out or allow other vehicles to pass, and this would only be exacerbated by quarry lorries using the same routes.

We note that thus far the army has not put any objections to the proposed re opening of Gayles quarry but the increased need to use the access to the ranges due to international

demand places more pressure on rural networks.

Please could this concern be placed on the portal.

Kind regards,

Sally, Cath, John. Cath, Ross, Michelle, Jo.