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Our reference: AH/DH

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Garsdale Parish Council
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Garsdale
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Dear Michael

Re: Consultation on Cumbria Timber Transport Routes

Thank you for responding to the recent consultation on proposed advisory timber transport routes.

Regarding the weight restriction on the A684, I can confirm that 7.5t weight restriction signed on the A684 runs north from the junction through Sedbergh onto to A683, therefore not passing through Garsdale.

We appreciate your concern about an 'agreed' status may encourage increased 'through traffic' travelling from North Yorkshire and contact has been made with Colleagues from the North Yorkshire Highways Department to discuss the best way to manage cross boundary traffic in order to avoid this.

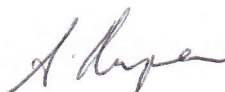
Taking on board the comments and concerns of the Parish Council the Cumbria Timber Transport Group propose to apply a 'consultation route' status to the route along the A684 through Garsdale as requested to deter traffic which may choose to use the section as a through route from North Yorkshire.

Finally, regarding your request that rail be considered as an alternative mode for transporting timber, it is the intention of the group to investigate and promote rail transport options wherever practical although we must recognise that this can be difficult to implement due to cost, capacity and access issues. Any potential for additional use of the sidings at Ribbleshead will be investigated.

Cumbria Timber Transport Group will be happy to discuss any ongoing concerns you have which are specific to timber transport and will work to resolve issues whenever possible.

Should you have any further concerns relating to timber transport please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Andrew Harper
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