

HALEBANK PARISH COUNCIL
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Dear Tim & Andrew,

As Chair of Halebank Parish Council I would like to draw your attention to the following points in relation to the traffic permit reference numbers below:

Permit Reference	Date	Company	Site
AZ5031001428712-02	16 Oct – October	Cadent	Blackburne Avenue
AZ5031001428700-04	26 September – 29 October	Cadent	Hale Road
BC542WGJLD85H-02	3 – 5 November	Openreach	Hale Road/Ditton Bridge
KL333WJL261201-01	12 January	Network Rail	Hale Road/Ditton Bridge
GY630210106537F-03	23 – 27 October	SP Energy	Hale Road

I and other members of the Parish Council have received many complaints from residents regarding the traffic signals currently in place on Hale Road and we feel it our duty to act on this issue.

We understand that the work is necessary to update the gas supply. However, as all of the Widnes bound traffic, especially heavy goods vehicles (as this is their **only** access) have to enter and exit via Ditton Bridge, a lot more thought and consideration should have been put into the planned works.

Careful consideration of traffic management is paramount not only for the safety of the residents but to ensure the least disruption to their daily lives, which for many involves several journeys back and forth across Ditton Bridge.

Since the temporary lights were installed in September there have been many reports of the lights being stuck on Red during the day, especially during the morning rush hour. I am sure you will appreciate the impact this has on the traffic for residents and all road users. This is very concerning and needs to be addressed to avoid an accident.

I urge you to liaise with Cadent to ensure that the traffic system is managed safely for the current works and those works planned for the coming months.

There are also works planned by Network Rail, Openreach and SP Energy within the same time period as the Cadent works. This will contribute to the current issues and create a backlog of traffic in and out of Halebank. We feel that the decision to authorise permits for all these works at the same time has not been given practical consideration and will just exacerbate the current situation.

I am sure you will be aware that there are currently plans to build an additional 800 houses in Halebank with no consideration of the infrastructure, in particular Ditton Bridge, which is currently not fit for purpose let alone able to cope with thousands more people and vehicles.

In addition to this I would like to draw your attention to the fact that residents on Hale Road (WA8 8UU) and Lovel Terrace have not had their bins emptied due to the traffic. I understand that this compromises the safety of the refuse operatives. What is the usual procedure in this situation? Bins should not be left unemptied for an extended period, especially as the regular collection is fortnightly. Surely this will compromise the health and safety of the residents.

I look forward to receiving a response as a matter of urgency to enable me to update the community and provide some assurance.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Terry Colquitt
Chair of Halebank Parish Council.

