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Regular Road user	For	<p>I'm writing to express my view with regards to the Howtown Road signage. I have travelled the Howtown Road to Martindale once a week for work for the last time at Howtown for three years.</p> <p>I've always found the Howtown Road a difficult commute especially during the summer months and these last two years have been even worse. The tourist traffic increased significantly and no doubt will continue in years to come.</p> <p>Prior to the temporary signage cars were parked everywhere causing huge distress to local residents and commuter's. I've had several close calls with small cars parked cars while their parents are busy rummaging in the boot! And the local farmers drive their tractors far too fast along that route it's frightening and I'm sure a collision.</p> <p>Cars park all up the house and the bottle neck area by the outward bound centre which is very narrow. With an ageing population in the area it's more important to have the Howtown Road for safety reasons if nothing else.</p> <p>For me the signage has changed my drive to Martindale significantly, I don't feel as stressed and am a little more confident that when a tractor comes charging I can hurriedly pull in to the passing place areas, which should be kept free anyway.</p> <p>Times change and now more than ever people are flocking to the lakes for their holidays. I worked at Howtown back in the 90's and it was much quieter then, the stone walls and upkeep of the Howtown side of the lake of late it has become a risk. Not to mention the increase in Mountain Rescue call outs due to the stupidity of the signage to remain on a permanent basis.</p>
Regular road user	For	<p>With reference to the Howtown road clearway I would like to say that as a regular user of the road on average once a week the clearway has been a huge success and should become a permanent fixture</p>
Barton and Pooley Bridge Parish Council	For	<p>Barton & Pooley Bridge Parish Council support the retention of the Rural Clearway in principle and have seen the report produced by Martindale Parish Meeting</p> <p>The parish boundary is at Ravencrag. In so far as that section is concerned, the Parish Council's views are:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Retain the 'blue' signs at the cross roads, Parkfoot and Waterside but reword them to reflect Martindale's concerns. •Retain the 'No through road beyond Martindale' signs and make them more prominent. •Reduce the height of the intermediate clearway signs, angle them to minimise night time glare and reduce the number of signs to the minimum permitted. •Support a new 'single track road etc.' sign at the passing place beyond the Yacht Club. •Support parking for boat permit holders beyond Sharrow Bay. •Support removal of redundant 'No parking March -October' signs.
Resident	For	<p>We are residents of Martindale and have noticed a significant improvement in the free passage of traffic on the Howtown Road since the restrictions were implemented. We are supportive of these being extended to the full 18 month review period</p>
Martindale Parish Council	Against	Attached Letter and supporting documents (Appendix 2a)
Resident	Against	Attached Letter (Appendix 2b)

Resident	For	<p>The restriction of cars parking at Howtown has made a phenomenal difference in the summer for our ability to get through to Martindale. The key was enforcement along, the no parking signs were completely ignored. I still feel that double yellow lines would clarify the situation much better in preventing parking and traffic b</p> <p>The signs at the Pooley Bridge end of the road saying that the road is not suitable for large vehicles has also been helpful, as have the no parking signs placed</p> <p>So yes, things are better considering all the caravans that come down the road. It would be ideal if large coaches could be banned from using the road (they can't at the outward bound school could use minivans instead. This remains the biggest problem although covid has curtailed things at the outward bound school these</p> <p>I'm sure you won't be surprised to hear that there are two factions taking shape in Martindale: those who resent any government interference, and those who feel it is sometimes necessary. I realize that this doesn't make your job any easier and I'm extremely sympathetic to your having to deal with the consequences.</p> <p>I see all the ways that the public are being encouraged to come to the Lake District, and at the same time I am deeply aware of how our roads and public transport are used for the tourists. The difference between getting around in winter and in summer are huge.</p> <p>I am extremely grateful that you have responded to the need to curtail traffic and parking on the Howtown Road, and I very much hope this will continue to avoid the tempers, and delays and dangers that have plagued the Howtown Road.</p>
Resident	For	<p>With reference to the clearway along the South Eastern shore of Ullswater from Poole Bridge to Howtown, I would like to comment on behalf of my organisation</p> <p>Prior to the clearway being installed you may be aware that we had real operational safety concerns due to the parking directly opposite the site at Howtown. These concerns were reduced because of the reduced parking, enabling safer access to our site and safer crossing of the children whom we have in our care. We would like to see the clearway to become a permanent arrangement.</p> <p>In addition the clearway signs are sited mainly along the shore side of the road we have seen increased parking on the hill side of the road specifically to the left of the road (directly opposite the keep clear road markings on the slipway)</p> <p>We are aware that the clearway is a legal enforcement for both sides of the road, but believe some additional signage on the hill side of the road would further improve this area, and reduce our safety concerns even more.</p>
Martindale Parochial Church Council	Against	<p>At our last PCC meeting we discussed the increasing difficulty of parking at St Peter's Church and agreed we needed to object to the Experimental Clearway</p> <p>The introduction of the Rural Clearway on the Howtown road and the new additional restrictive signs, beyond that scheme, at the bottom of The Hause, have led to the loss of open ground surrounding the church. This has caused problems for those attending routine church services, weddings & funerals, private visits, and for maintenance of the church.</p> <p>St Peter's Church is kept open at all times to welcome visitors. These new difficulties with parking, are leading to a serious loss of the amenity of an 'open' church for many visitors.</p> <p>Removing the signs at the bottom of the Hause after the cattlegrid beyond the Clearway would allow more cars to park at this lower level. The parking that used to be at the Hause was not a problem in the past as there was space to pass as well as park. The additional signs limit this space.</p> <p>Therefore we ask that our objection about the loss of amenity of St Peter's Church for Martindale's residents and visitors, caused by the Experimental Rural Clearway, is included in your evaluation of the scheme.</p>

Resident	For	<p>I am writing to approve of the experimental 4-mile Rural Clearway that the Highways installed six months ago. As residents, my husband and I are greatly relieved that we have our only road out without the stress of the constant obstruction of tourists' inconsiderate parking. In particular, the area adjacent to the Outward Bound's entrance where their large coaches can presumably turn around after delivering their children safely.</p> <p>A meeting has taken place locally to discuss the signage and some visual improvements are now agreed to and will be suggested to Laura McClellan as we move into the next period of the experiment. It seems reasonable to lower the height of some signage and remove one or two that appear unnecessary, but in our opinion, the Clearway must be effective. There are already exemptions in place for farming access and for boat owners to attend their moorings.</p> <p>The major bottleneck at the OB Centre caused a four-hour traffic jam before the signage was installed, due to tourists parking. My daughter was stuck in it. An ambulance had to come through to attend to a person suffering from heatstroke on that day in August before the pandemic, so safety has to be a priority.</p> <p>People who work for us residents who live at our end of the 4 mile cul-de-sac often had difficulty getting through but now are able to.</p> <p>Please keep the Clearway restrictions, bearing in mind that the ones on the lakeside by the OBC must remain, in spite of objections.</p>
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