



A campaign has been launched to stop lorries driving into the narrow streets of Buckshaw Village and destroying grass verges as they try to turn round.

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It comes after a lorry became trapped in Main Street after taking a wrong turn and mounting the embankment. The road was blocked while the driver tried to navigate his way out and the police had to be called to divert traffic.

Rob Loughenbury, the Conservative party candidate for Chorley, has launched a petition calling for better signs and weight restrictions in certain parts of the village to prevent further incidents.

He said he also wanted to form a 'neighbourhood agreement', encouraging residents and businesses to discuss issues and resolve them together.

Mr Loughenbury said: "This is just the latest in a series of events ranging from HGVs attempting to navigate Old Worden Avenue, blocking access on Village Way near to Trinity School and along Buckshaw Avenue, to a recent incident when a HGV got stuck trying to turn around before the low bridge just outside the village on Euxton Lane.

"I am working with Buckshaw residents on a new campaign to tackle this problem. We are calling for a neighbourhood agreement with the purpose of keeping HGVs on the main thoroughfares and off inappropriate residential roads in Buckshaw Village.

"Neighbourhood agreements are voluntary agreements between businesses, residents and other stakeholders.

"They can provide a community-led solution to the challenges that arise when business and homes are located close to one another."

Labour Cllr Matthew Lynch, who represents the Astley and Buckshaw Ward, said he would be taking up the issue with Lancashire County Council.

He said: "I am increasingly concerned with HGVs using unsuitable routes through Buckshaw Village.

"I believe that HGV drivers are relying too heavily on satellite navigation systems instead of noting the road signs.

"What we need to make sure is that all routes into Buckshaw Village are clearly and correctly signed.

"And I will now be taking up this issue with the relevant developers and with Lancashire County Council."

Chorley MP Lindsay Hoyle added: "I will be contacting the county council to make sure we have better signs."

To sign the petition, visit [www.rob4chorley2015.co.uk/news/sign-keep-hgvs-residential-roads-buckshaw](http://www.rob4chorley2015.co.uk/news/sign-keep-hgvs-residential-roads-buckshaw)