

NORTH YORKSHIRE
LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

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HIGH SPEED 2

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report sets out the likely impact of the High Speed 2 (HS2) rail project on rights of way and access in North Yorkshire.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.2 High Speed 2 (HS2) is a project which will create a new high speed rail link between London and Birmingham and between Birmingham and both Leeds and Manchester.

2.1 The preferred HS2 route was recently published allowing an assessment of likely impacts on the rights of way network to be undertaken.

3.0 IMPACTS

3.1 The preferred section of route to Leeds will connect back into the existing rail network between Leeds and York, meaning that a small part of North Yorkshire will be impacted.

3.2 The route will cross the parishes of Huddleston with Newthorpe, Barkston Ash and Sherburn in Elmet within Selby District.

3.3 Within those parishes one length of public footpath (35.4/5/2) and one length of Unsurfaced Unclassified Road (U866/2/70) will be impacted and there will be a requirement to divert the section of public footpath.

3.4 Overall the impact on the rights of way network is very small.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

4.1 It is recommended that members receive this report for information.

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