NORTH YORKSHIRE LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

WEDNESDAY 12th February 2014

HIGH SPEED 2

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 This report recaps the position with respect to HS2 and its impact on public rights of way within 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 has been 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 A plan is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.2 The route will cross the parishes of Huddleston with Newthorpe, Barkston Ash, Sherburn in Elmet and Church Fenton 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.

Contact:

Aidan Rayner PRoW Team Leader 01609 533077

