

COMPLETING YOUR RESPONSE TO THE HS2 WORKING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

- COMPLETE YOUR PERSONAL DETAILS. TICK 'NO' TO ORGANISATION AS THIS IS YOUR PERSONAL RESPONSE.
 - TICK THE BOX 'ROUTE WIDE' PLUS ANY OTHERS YOU WISH TO COMMENT ON.
 - * = IMPORTANT. TRY TO INCLUDE
- NOW ON THE FIRST BLANK PAGE YOU CAN BEGIN.
- TALK ABOUT ROUTE WIDE ISSUES :
- DESTROYS ANCIENT WOODLANDS, HISTORIC PLACES, NATURAL HABITATS, ETC. ALL OF WHICH ARE IRREPLACEABLE. DESTROYS HOMES, FARMS, BUSINESSES.
 - HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON JOB CREATION DUE TO DEMOLITION OF BUSINESSES.
 - TAKES AWAY OUR GREEN SPACES & IS NOT CONDUCIVE TO MENTAL WELL BEING.
- TALK ABOUT BRAMLEY - AND HOW WILL IT AFFECT YOU
- DISRUPTION TO EVERYDAY LIFE DUE TO YEARS OF CONSTRUCTION, ROAD WORKS, TRAFFIC JAMS, LORRIES ON ROADS, DROP IN HOUSE PRICES, MENTAL STRESS, DANGER TO CHILDREN/OLD FOLK. EFFECT ON PUBLIC TRANSPORT.
 - DO YOU OWN A LOCAL BUSINESS THAT WILL BE AFFECTED BY THE DISRUPTION?
 - TALK ABOUT THE PROBLEMS ALL THE ROAD CLOSURES/ROAD WORKS WILL CAUSE, ESPECIALLY HELLABY ROUNDABOUT. TALK ABOUT HOW OUR ROADS ARE ALREADY CONGESTED AT PEAK TIMES.
 - WILL THE DISRUPTION AFFECT THE EMERGENCY SERVICES COMING FROM MALTBY TO ROTHERHAM POSSIBLY PUTTING LIVES AT RISK?
 - ARE YOU CLOSE TO THE ROUTE? NOISE, DIRT, DISRUPTION, COMPULSORY PURCHASE, UNABLE TO SELL, MENTAL STRESS.
 - WILL THE TRAFFIC HOLD UPS MAKE YOU LATE FOR WORK/SCHOOL/OTHER ACTIVITIES?
 - ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT YOUR CHILDREN HAVING TO WALK TO SCHOOL, GO TO PARK/YOUTH CLUB, OR JUST PLAYING OUT WITH ALL THE LORRIES ON THE ROADS? DO YOU HAVE ELDERLY FAMILY MEMBERS WHO MAY STRUGGLE WITH THE SAME?
 - DO YOU WALK YOUR DOG LOCALLY OR SIMPLY GO FOR WALKS TO UNWIND IN THE PEACE AND QUIET OF PLACES LIKE SLACKS POND? ARE THESE BEING TAKEN AWAY FROM YOU AT A TIME WHEN MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH?
 - DO YOU HAVE LOVED ONES IN THE CEMETERY THAT WILL BE SURROUNDED BY SOIL DUMPS AND CONSTRUCTIONS COMPOUNDS DISRESPECTING WHAT IS CURRENTLY A TRANQUIL RESTING PLACE?
 - IS THE WHOLE SITUATION AFFECTING YOUR MENTAL WELL BEING?
 - ARE YOU BEING FORCED TO MOVE AND IS IT BREAKING UP YOUR FAMILY SUPPORT NETWORK, EG. GRANDPARENTS CHILDMINDING, LOSING FRIENDS, CHANGING SCHOOLS.
 - DID YOU RETIRE HERE FOR THE ADVANTAGES OF A RURAL SETTING.
 - WOULD YOU BE ABLE TO FIND A SIMILAR PROPERTY LOCALLY?
 - FINALLY, HOW WILL THE END PRODUCT AFFECT US ALL? NOISE THAT CANNOT BE MITIGATED. TRAINS RUNNING EVERY FEW MINUTES, VISUAL IMPACT, DANGER TO INQUISITIVE CHILDREN, LOSS OF VISUAL AMENITY AND RURAL SETTING.
- YOU COULD NOW GO ON TO TALK ABOUT OTHER ISSUES ON PHASE 2B
- LOSS OF ALLOTMENTS IN THURCROFT TAKING AWAY MUCH NEEDED RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES
 - LOSS OF RIDING SCHOOL FOR DISABLED AT ASTON
 - TRAFFIC PROBLEMS THAT WILL BE CAUSED BY CONSTRUCTION OF THE VIADUCTS OVER THE M1/M18
 - TOO MANY RESIDENTIAL & COMMERCIAL DEMOLITIONS
 - * DO NOT SEE THE NEED FOR A SPUR AND JUNCTION WHEN IT WOULD BE MUCH MORE STRAIGHT FORWARD AND BENEFICIAL FOR SOUTH YORKSHIRE TO HAVE ITS OWN HIGH SPEED STATION FOR SHEFFIELD. VICTORIA STATION COULD DO THIS.
 - *THE IDEA OF A PARKWAY STATION IN A LESS PRESTIGIOUS POSITION DOES NOT MAKE SENSE AND WOULD NOT BE AN ATTRACTIVE PROPOSITION TO THOSE WHO WOULD WISH TO USE HS2

- THIS ROUTE IS NOT WHAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE OF SOUTH YORKSHIRE WANT!

No. 2 - SUGGESTIONS

- MORE SAFETY ASSESSMENTS ARE NEEDED TO DETERMINE EXACTLY WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IN THE CASE OF A CRASH OR DERAILMENT IN CLOSE PROXIMITY TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES, ESPECIALLY AT BRAMLEY, AND IN RELATION TO VIADUCTS CROSSING OVER VILLAGES AND MOTORWAYS.
- *THE NOISE IMPACT AT BRAMLEY NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. PEOPLE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO LIVE WITH NOISE AT SUCH HIGH LEVELS.
- *THE MIDLAND STATION OPTION NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN, SINCE IT DOESN'T PROVIDE US WITH THE FULL HIGH BENEFITS OF A HIGH SPEED STATION.
- LOOK AT NEGOTIATING THE SKEW WHICH DICTATES THE BRAMLEY ROUTE TO ALLOW A ROUTE FURTHER AWAY FROM SO MANY RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. MAYBE KEEPING IT ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE MOTORWAY. THEY MANAGED TO DO THIS AT NEWTON. WHY CAN'T IT BE DONE AT BRAMLEY?
- *PROVIDE BRAMLEY WITH A CUT AND COVER TO HELP REDUCE NOISE.
- PROVIDE PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS AND PUT IN PLACE SAFETY MEASURES DURING CONSTRUCTION AND IN THE LONG TERM - SHOULD THIS ROUTE BE FORCED UPON US.
- SCRAP IT!

No. 3 - COMMENTS

- * THE WHOLE SECTION OF THE 2B ROUTE FROM WEST MIDLANDS TO SHEFFIELD NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AGAIN. THE SPUR INTO SHEFFIELD MIDLAND DOES NOT CREATE THE CAPACITY HS2 WAS DESIGNED FOR, NOR DOES IT GIVE US FULL HIGH SPEED CONNECTIONS TO THE OTHER CITIES (NORTH OR SOUTH). WITH ALL THE 'ADD ONS' IT DOES NOT SAVE MONEY AND THE CONSTRUCTION DIFFICULTIES WILL BE ENORMOUS. TIME SAVINGS ON THE SHEFFIELD SPUR WILL BE INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO THE TIME SAVINGS LONDON TO LEEDS WILL ENJOY. AS WELL AS HAVING TO ELECTRIFY MIDLAND MAINLINE SOUTH OF SHEFFIELD, THERE IS THE COST OF THE SPUR AT TIBSHELF, MODIFICATIONS TO MIDLAND STATION, THE JUNCTION AT CLAYTON, A POSSIBLE PARKWAY STATION AND THE NORTHERN LOOP, WHICH ISN'T PART OF PHASE 2B BUT IS NECESSARY IF HS2 IS TO CONNECT SHEFFIELD TO LEEDS, AS IS THE AIM OF HS2. ALL IN ALL, DESPITE WHAT HS2 SAY, THE SHEFFIELD SPUR WILL OFFER LESS BENEFITS BUT COST MORE THAN THE ORIGINAL MEADOWHALL ROUTE.
 - THE HS2 PROJECT AS A WHOLE IS TOO EXPENSIVE. EVERY TAXPAYER WILL PAY FOR IT BUT ONLY FEW TAXPAYERS WILL BENEFIT FROM IT.
 - HS2 IS ALREADY AN OUTDATED CONCEPT AND WILL NOT ATTRACT THE NUMBERS NEEDED TO MAKE IT PAY. THE MONEY COULD BE BETTER USED ON UPGRADING MORE URGENT INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS, INCLUDING THE EAST-WEST CONNECTIONS.
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