




# HS2 Update

19 FEBRUARY 2017



# Agenda

- HS2 Proposal
- Alternatives
- Issues
- HS2 Meeting Feedback
- Call to Action
- Help and Resources



# HS Proposal

Overview of proposed route and operations

# Route Overview

- Branch line to Leeds
  - 145mph over M62 climbing to Clumpcliffe hill top
  - Steep gradient to 9m at Methley Ln, 5m below Fleet Ln, 12m below Eshald Ln, 15m below park
  - 1 mile long tunnels under Woodlesford
- Main line to Swillington and Garforth
  - 225mph over 2.2km (1.4 mile) viaduct
  - Track height at 29m + 8m gantry (120 feet)
- Highest visual and biodiversity impact ratings!



# Tunnels

- Two tunnels 45m under Woodlesford resurface between canal and existing train line by the country park
- Runs through floodplain, former quarry and landfill sites, abandoned mines, and slag heap at country park
- 140m wide at tunnel mouth, destroying Water Haigh Park

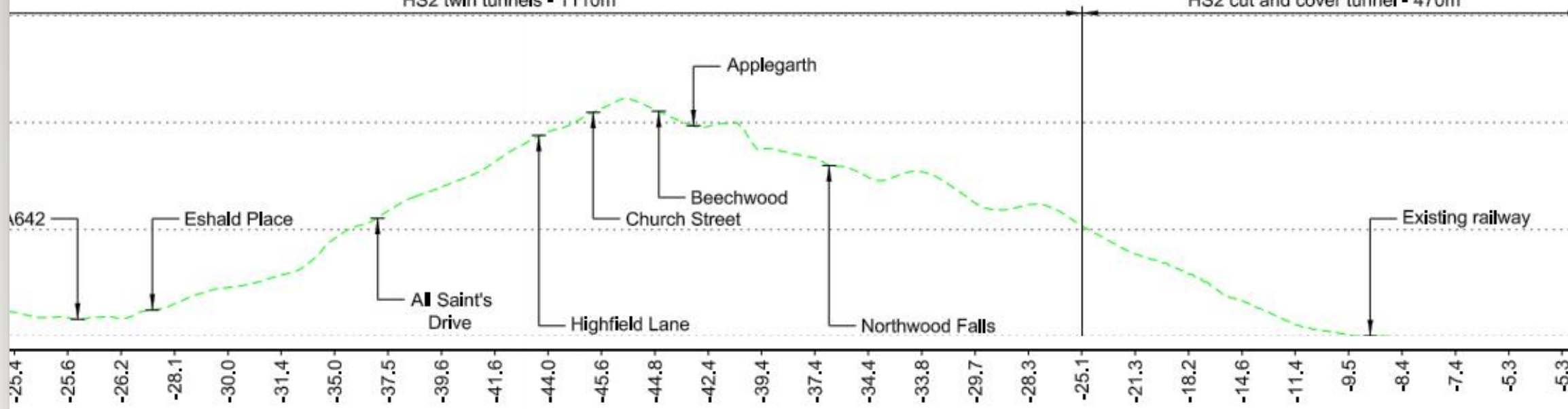






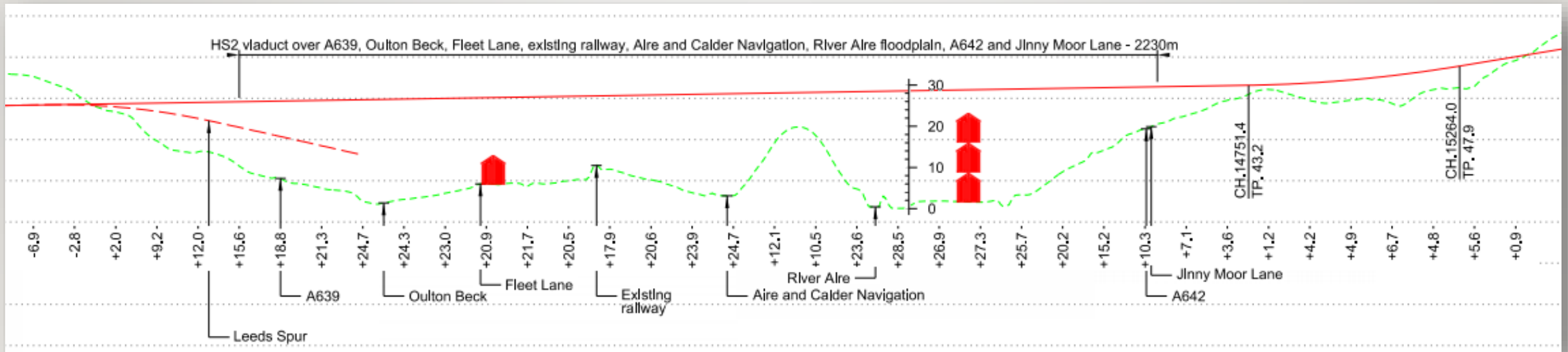
HS2 twin tunnels - 1110m

HS2 cut and cover tunnel - 470m



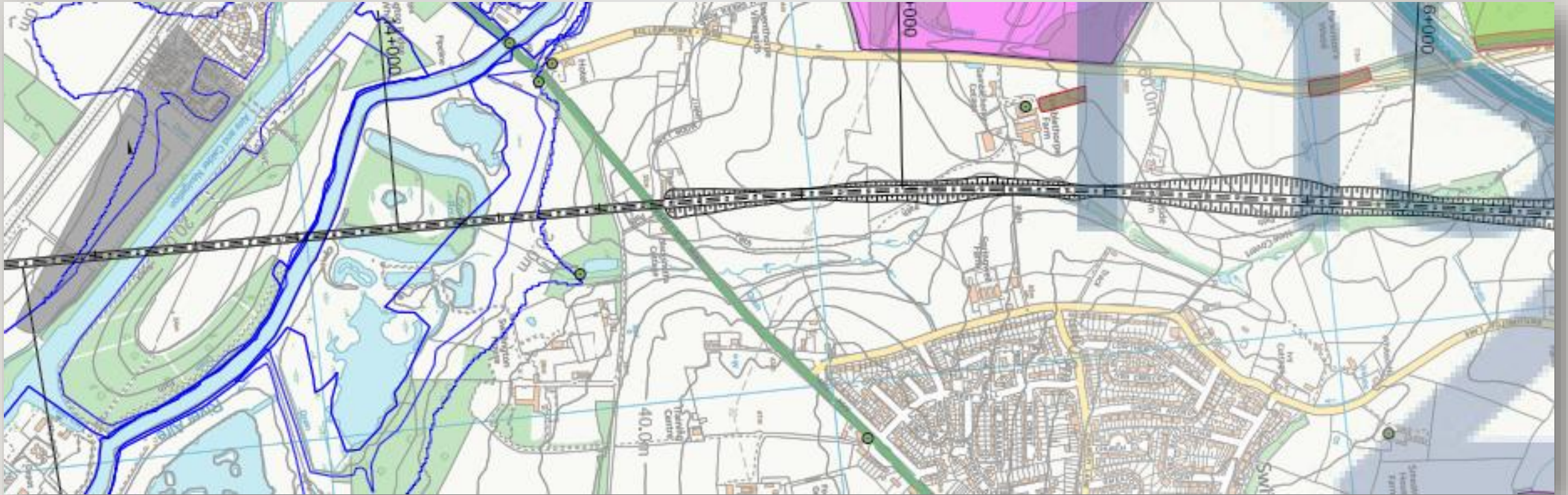
# Viaduct

- Dominating skyline and countryside forever it will be seen and heard from almost everywhere in the area as it spans the entire valley at up to 4 houses high

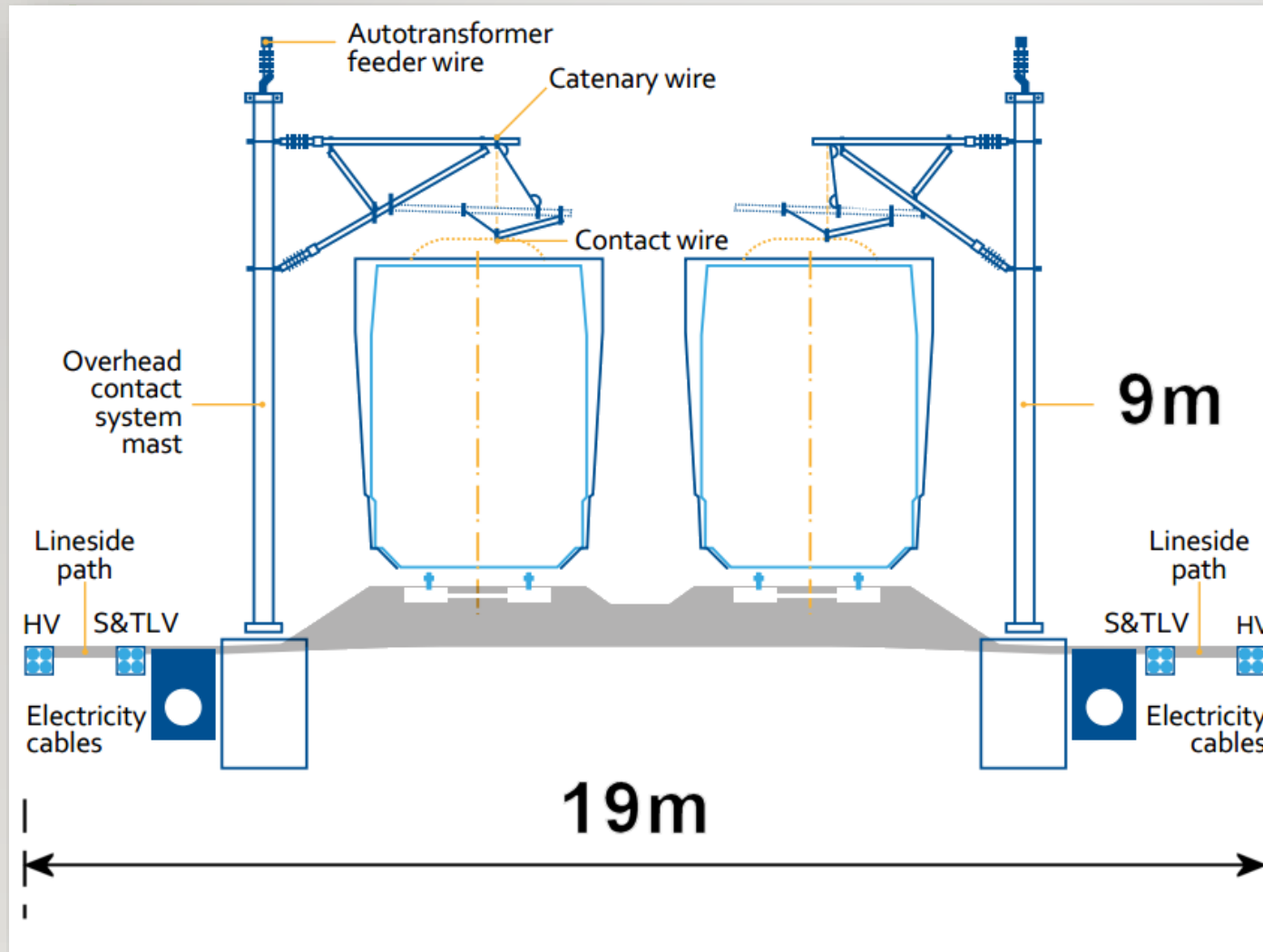




# Swillington







- Width excludes fencing / viaduct walls / noise baffles
- 19m = 62 feet
- 9m = 26 feet
- *HS2 profiles state track heights*



Illustration Only  
Not To Scale

# Operations

- Train movements are likely to be 24×7
- Operational hours for passenger services are planned for 6am to midnight
- Empty stock movements (cleaning and servicing) likely to extend, 5am to 1am ?
- Overnight maintenance work on the track and equipment
- Potential for future freight services
- **18 passenger trains per hour (one every 3 minutes approximately)**



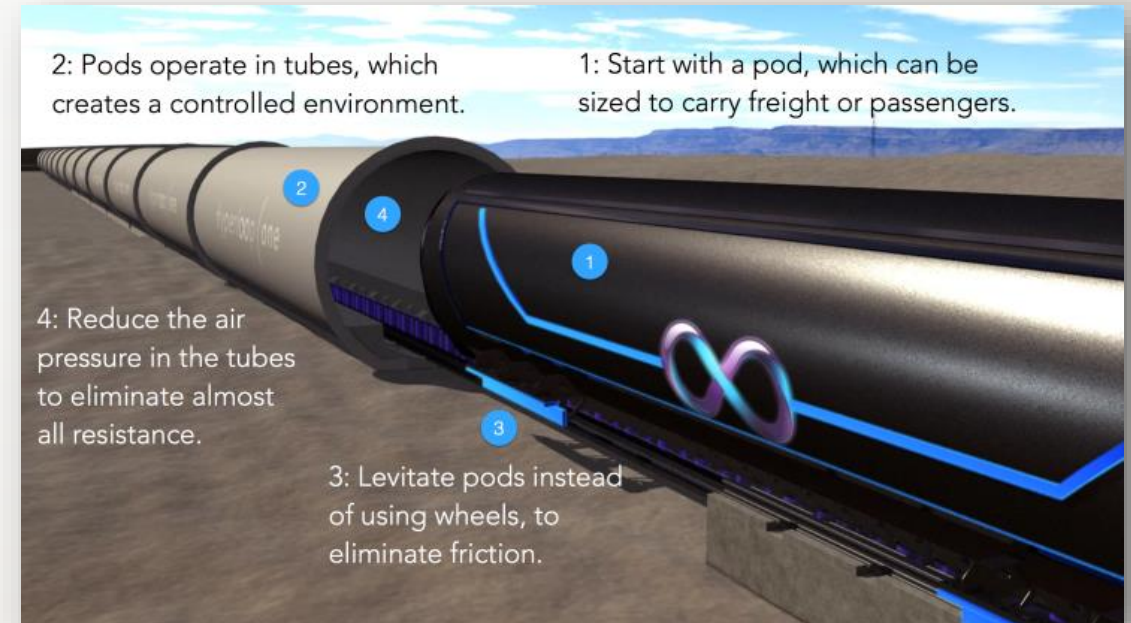


# Alternatives

Many alternative routes and schemes exist

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- Use existing transport routes
- Upgrade existing rail infrastructure
- 51M Group proposal
- HS UK proposal
- Hyperloop One
  - 15 minutes Leeds / London
  - on demand travel





# Issues

How HS2 is affecting the area



# Now

- Uncertainty
- House prices
- Time to sell
- Mortgage LTV
- Part exchange
- Stress and health
- Need To Sell vs Want To Sell

# Future

- Construction – 24x7
  - Chaos – one road grid lock
  - Noise, dust, smells, light pollution
  - Risk of collapse and explosion
- Compensation
  - NOT full and NOT fair
- Forever
  - Visual and noise impact, loss of green space and countryside...



# HS Meeting

Key points from this week's meeting with HS2 Ltd



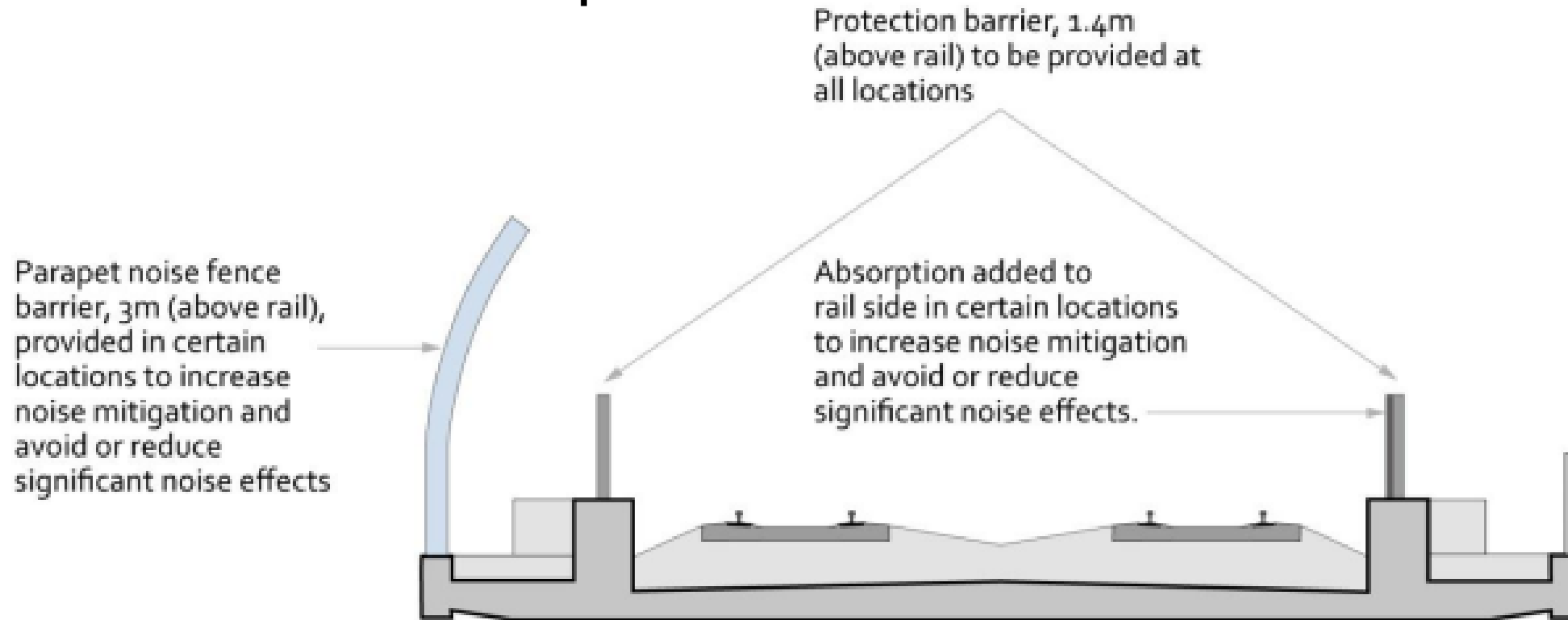
## Our key points (of many)

- New route is not what we asked for or the outcome we want
- Visual and noise impact is unacceptable
- Loss of connected green spaces, parks and countryside is unacceptable
- Area unsuitable; mining, flooding, fracking, green belt, conservation area
- Grid lock and loss of existing rail service during construction
- Compensation inadequate and need to sell scheme ineffective
- Health & wellbeing, air quality, pollution, sleep quality

## Their key comments

- Elegant, sweeping lines
- Maximum gradient dictates proximity to housing
- Sound baffles to viaduct
- Height of viaduct retains view through valley under it
- Too early to know more, and exact details not until construction
- Planning and investigations now until Summer 2019
- Planning applications subject to Neighbourhood Forum / Parish Council and LCC

# Noise vs Visual Impact





# Outcome

- Requested alternatives considered and reasons for rejection
- Agreed community engagement (NF, SOWHAT, local knowledge, traffic)
- Agreed ground investigation (boreholes) ASAP
- Requested early feedback of those investigations
- Requested clarification of compensation map anomalies
- Requested information about escape shafts and vents from tunnel
- Didn't rule out changing Leeds station location

# Community Engagement

- Please get in touch if you have relevant information and skills, e.g.
  - Mining engineers with local knowledge of works
  - Flooding history
  - Quarry history
  - Footpaths, ecology, greenspace, environment
  - Landfill
  - Archaeology
  - etc, etc, etc



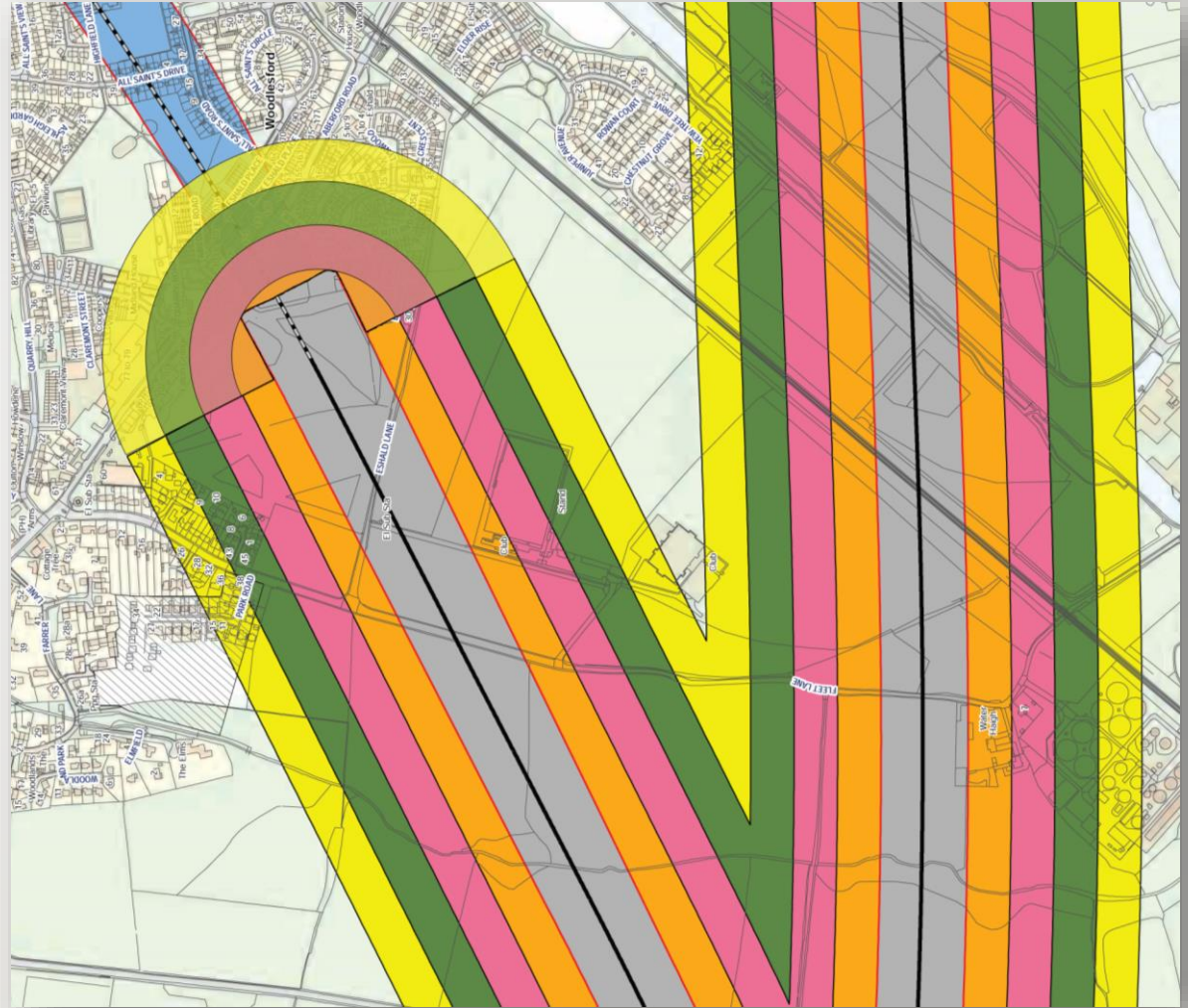
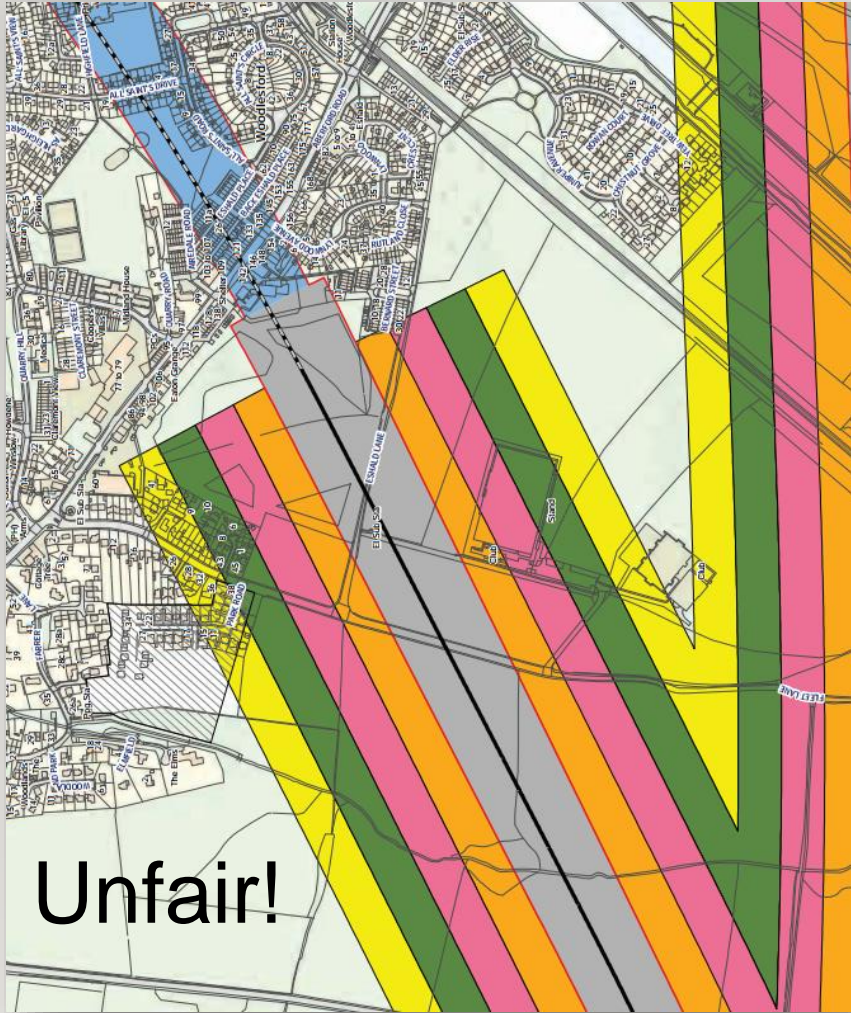
# Action Needed Now

Urgent action is needed from everyone - volume counts

# SOWHAT Next?

- **Sign our petition** – to force HS2, LCC, our MP and Councillors to take us seriously, to find a better alternative route and to lobby for full and fair compensation. Anyone and everyone in the UK is entitled to express their views to HS2 and can support us by signing the petition
  - Petition can be found via [www.sowhat.org.uk](http://www.sowhat.org.uk)
- **HS2 Route Consultation Response** – HS2 have confirmed that we should respond to this consultation, even though it has not been formally announced for our area, with responses due by 9 March 2017
- **HS2 Compensation Consultation** – our last opportunity to influence the woeful compensation arrangements the Government has proposed, we demand full compensation for our financial loss and reasonable compensation for the impact, again responses due by 9 March 2017







# SOWHAT Next?

- **Write or email our MP** – Alec Shelbrooke needs to understand that we are not happy with the current proposals and that we need him to stop HS2, he currently doesn't appreciate the scale of opposition as his mailbox has been too quiet since the November announcement
- **Write or email LCC Executive** – Judith Blake and Keith Wakefield need to be held accountable for the hardship and destruction they have inflicted on our villages. Write to them, Tom Riordan, James Lewis and your local Councillors – they need to hear our voice
- **Spread the word** – tell your family, friends and neighbours, shout about it on Twitter, Facebook and social media, display our flyer in your window, encourage everyone to object to HS2 by completing their online forms, written forms, or a simple letter
- **Remember** – every UK resident anywhere in the country has the right to say no



# Help and Resources

Assistance and information available to assist with consultation responses

# Drop-in Sessions

- Members of SOWHAT are running two drop-in sessions to provide assistance with consultation responses, and help answer questions about the route and compensation schemes
  - **Midland pub/café**
  - **10am until midday**
  - **Saturday 25 February and Saturday 4 March**
- We will have maps, template responses and guidance documents available to help with paper or online forms, wifi will be available for those wanting to complete the form over a coffee

# Consultation Support Documents

- We have begun publishing guidance to assist in completing the HS2 route and compensation consultations – links via [www.sowhat.org.uk](http://www.sowhat.org.uk)
- Template responses, letters and online links to make it easy for everyone to get started, please check back regularly for updates and news
- **HS2 deadline for responses is 9 March 2017**
- Official paper forms and guides are available on HS2 website and hardcopies can be requested (free) through their contact form or by telephone

## Other online resources

- [www.facebook.com/groups/sowhaths2](https://www.facebook.com/groups/sowhaths2)
- [www.sowhat.org.uk](https://www.sowhat.org.uk)
- [savels26.wixsite.com/save-ls26](https://savels26.wixsite.com/save-ls26)
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