

Traffic Congestion, Road and Rail Closures For Many Years in LS25, LS26, LS10, Leeds City Centre and Wakefield

People here already complain about traffic as they struggle to go about their daily lives, but **HS2 is set to make congestion much, much worse**. Construction of the High Speed train to London will take place in Oulton, Woodlesford, Hunslet, Swillington, Garforth and Leeds city centre, but the **catastrophic effects will be felt over a much wider area**.

HS2 will take **9 years** (2024 to 2032) to construct the four new tracks, huge viaducts and two tunnels through LS25 and LS26, and a massive maintenance depot opposite Arla. HS2 will require **tens of thousands of HGV lorries** to take away the tunnel spoil and bring in materials, and many more vehicles for the hundreds of workers.

Congestion, closures, diversions and realignments

Here are just some of the impacts we will see in LS25 and LS26 according to HS2 Ltd. There will be many more all the way into Leeds and south of our area to Wakefield and beyond.

Congestion and delays for road users on a number of routes including the M1, M62, M621, A61 Leeds Road, A63 Selby Road, A639 Methley Lane, A642 Wakefield Road / Aberford Road, A655 Wakefield Road, B6135 Newmarket Lane, Hell Lane, Kirkthorpe Lane / Warmfield Lane, Croft Head Lane, Birkwood Road, Fleet Lane, Bullerthorpe Lane, Swillington Lane, and Leeds Lane, B6481 Pontefract Road, A63 Pontefract Lane.

Temporary closures and diversions or realignments of roads including the M62, A63 Selby Road, A642 Wakefield Road, A655 Wakefield Road, A639 Methley Lane, B6481 Pontefract Road, B6135 Newmarket Lane, Fleet Lane, Hell Lane, Hungate Lane, Bottom Boat Road, and Jinny Moor Lane. Permanent closure of Eshald Lane.

Bus routes affected (24 in our area and 17 in Hunslet) include the 9/9A, 12, 13/13A, 19/19A, 22, 47, 48/48A, 61, 74/74A, 86/86A, 125, 146, 147, 149, 153, 157, 163, 166, 167, 168, 173A, 174/174A, 175/175A, 183, 187, 188, 189, 402, 403, 410 and X60.

Public Rights of Way and **National Cycle Routes** will sustain various **Temporary closures, diversions or realignments, and closures** in Woodlesford, Swillington and surrounding areas impacting access to countryside, footpaths and cycle routes.

Please join the fight against HS2

There are details overleaf of how you can help prevent this chaos...

HS2 Will Disrupt Roads, Local Rail and Bus Services



Are you aware that the railway line between Woodlesford and Leeds will be CLOSED at various times over 7 years while HS2 (the High Speed train to London) is built?

HS2 Ltd state that the line will need to be closed on a number of occasions during a **7 year** construction period, but they don't say for how long! This will cause massive **disruption to rail passengers** and rail freight services on the Hallam Line.

When it is closed, passengers will have to use alternative transport to make their usual journeys, however, the **roads in our area will be much more congested** than today due to HS2 construction traffic, workers' vehicles and planned road closures.

PLEASE JOIN THE FIGHT AGAINST HS2 TO PROTECT YOUR FUTURE

**THIS MAY BE YOUR LAST CHANCE TO INFLUENCE THEIR PLANS
RESPOND TO THEIR CONSULTATIONS BEFORE 21 DECEMBER 2018**

What can you do to stop this?

- **Tell everyone you know** as this affects people across the whole of the Leeds and the surrounding areas; the construction of the station alone will cause gridlock
- **Attend HS2 Public Information event** available in Leeds (23/11), Garforth (19/11) or at Oulton Institute 2pm - 8pm Wednesday 21 November 2018
- **Respond to the HS2 consultations** by 21 December 2018, SOWHAT guidance will be available online soon, check our website regularly for information
- **Write to your MP and local Councillors** insisting they oppose HS2 as proposed
- **Write to Leeds City Council** (Judith Blake, Richard Lewis and Tom Riordan) to demand their support; Leeds City Council chose this more damaging route despite better options being available, they must be forced to reconsider
- **Sign SOWHAT and national e-petitions** via website and **sign up** to our newsletter and mailing list, **campaign** for fully tunnelled route from LS26
- **Join the "SO WHAT" Facebook group** to get the latest news and updates
- **Write to** the Department for Transport, Transport Secretary and Prime Minister

Visit www.sowhat.org.uk/congestion or our Facebook group for more details or call 07805 038219 to talk to one of the SOWHAT team