

COUNCIL MEETING – 27TH MARCH 2019

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White Paper	WP3	18/3/19	19/3/19

Submitted by:	Councillor Carmel Harrison
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member (Cllr R Lewis)
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

This Council notes the publication of the Draft Environmental Statement of HS2 Phase 2b. In particular, it recognises the significant impact that construction activity associated with the project will have on the communities of Woodlesford, Oulton, Rothwell, Swillington and Methley between 2024 to 2032. This will involve considerable restriction of liberty, highway closure and reconstruction, disruption to bus and rail services, prohibition of access to parks and green spaces, congestion and severe trading conditions for local businesses.

This Council does not believe that the above potentially disastrous effects of sustained disruption on workers, students and families in these communities is a “price worth paying” for the regeneration of the Leeds South Bank that the Council hopes to achieve through investment related to the proposed HS2 terminus.

Council also notes the already escalating cost of the HS2 project, almost doubling to current estimates of £56 billion, and the resulting pressure to limit compensation and mitigation costs en route.

This Council therefore calls on all Leeds MPs to support Ed Milliband MP’s call for a “proper examination and inquiry” into HS2, including a Select Committee hearing.

This Council further calls on the ruling administration to carry out an economic and social impact forecast study on the communities affected by proposed HS2 construction, with published recommendations as to what it considers would be the appropriate type, level and quality of mitigation that this Council would expect HS2 to deliver for those communities, in anticipation of the Environmental Statement which accompanies the future Hybrid Bill.

Councillor Carmel Harrison

Deadlines for submission

- White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
(including references back)

(All submissions should be made to Governance Services for receipt to be recorded and distribution made)
