

Notes of meeting held Thursday, 14th December 2017
With HS2 Representatives

Old Denaby Parish Council
Cllr Andy Fisher
Cllr Michael Dobb
Cllr Christine Robinson
Elicia Rogers (Clerk)

HS2
Michael Haughton
Jack Day

Apologies received from Cllr Cocksedge.

Introductions made.

MH stated that it was the intention to meet with all Doncaster Parish Councils to introduce ourselves, describe the "Development Phase" of the project and gather input, local intelligence and priorities, to influence the design, construction planning and environmental impacts mitigation.

The following elements were discussed:

- Andy Fisher, Denaby councillor, criticising the project for not adopting an east of Conisbrough route (he submitted two "east of Conisbrough" alternatives during the route refinement consultation). The meeting provided a very good opportunity local intelligence gathering exercise, the councillors identifying key priority areas for design and mitigation, including:
 - **Request:** Historic pathway (Norman period?) between Conisbrough and Mexborough castles – intersected by the proposed HS2 route immediately to the southeast of Denaby wood: "Must be retained". Currently a bridleway (MH will provide more details to CDES)
 - Public footpath (marked as "footpath 1" on closer inspection before the meeting) well used
 - **Action:** Denaby PC will provide a contact for the local ramblers' association
 - **Request:** Please minimise impact on Denaby Woods, which are highly valued locally and home to diverse ecology
 - **Request:** Consider local shift of route to the west to avoid / minimise impacts on the Woods. Consider other ways in which the impact of the route could be narrowed.
 - **Action:** HS2 (MH) to confirm whether tunnelling options have been considered for this location and confirm reasons why not progressed
 - Kilnurst Colliery located to the west of the proposed route – although drifts extend towards it
 - Denaby Lane used frequently by HGVs (although we didn't see any)
 - Old Denaby has very tight corners and isn't appropriate for HGVs ("no way we will let HGVs through the village")
 - Denaby farmers are engaging with HS2 re: blight and compensation
 - White egrets live in the pastures immediately to the east of the wetlands (north of Denaby Lane)

- Kites, buzzards, owls in Denaby Woods
- **Action:** MH to confirm that the cutting (immediately to the south of the viaduct) is correctly drawn on the plans tabled

Concerns were raised regarding the two areas where horses are being grazed, Denaby Woods and the public footpath through the woods. The path through the woods forms part of a ramblers walk, The Heron Way (David Gadd, Chair of Doncaster Ramblers 'Lost Ways' Committee). The concrete viaduct is a concern and a need to minimise loss of woodland. The councillors queried whether the rail track could be moved slightly to the east to minimise this loss? Mr. Haughton explained that a full ecology of the woods would be carried out.

Mr. Haughton outlined what is being built, the design and explained it was important to have our input to help develop this area.

At this point we have to assume that this route is going ahead although campaigns to change the route will continue.

Redding Agriculture will be contacting all farmers within this area.
Information is being obtained on the mines and possible mining subsidence in the area.

Cllr Fisher stated that the map being used was out of date and could an up-to-date map be used for any future meetings.

Concerns raised regarding construction sites and haulage, the village is not suitable for the transport of heavy plant and objections would be raised if it was intended to use Denaby Lane as a haulage route. Mr. Haughton explained that access routes would be built into the route of the railway.

A discussion took place regarding the possible site of a station on the route in South Yorkshire and where this would be located, at this point in time this was unknown. The council would be kept updated on this issue.

The dates of the council meetings for 2018:
18th January, 15th March, 17th May, 19th July, 20th September and 15th November.

Mr. Day outlined what is being designed:

- Railway embankments and cuttings
- Viaducts and bridges
- Landscaping and tree planting
- Roads and road junctions
- Construction worksites
- Haulage routes
- Overhead cabling
- Ponds and culverts
- Public rights of way
- Maintenance points
- Noise barriers

Mr. Haughton explained that any further information would be sent to the clerk for dissemination to the council.

