High Speed Two Phase 2b: Crewe to Manchester, West Midlands to Leeds

Response to Route Refinement Consultation 2016, by the Ecclesfield Conservation and Local History Group.

Please tell us whom the organisation or group represents and, where applicable, how you assembled the views of members.

The decision to make this submission was made unanimously at the advertised, open meeting of the Group of 22nd November 2016. The Group consists of people who live in or near Ecclesfield, and meet monthly to discuss issues that affect the village. The submission was written by myself, as Secretary to try to capture the consensus of the Group, and hopefully the views of most of the concerned people in the village.

For speed, I should say that our only submission is in reply to Question 7

Q7. The Secretary of State is minded to move the alignment of the route between Derbyshire and West Yorkshire to reflect a change in the proposals for serving Sheffield.

Do you support the proposal to amend the route to serve South and West Yorkshire? Please indicate whether or not you support the proposal together with your reasons.

Yes, we support proposals to move the route between Derbyshire and West Yorkshire. In particular, we prefer routes which do not follow the M1 through the ancient woodlands, known as "Smithy Wood", since we regard this as an irreplaceable valuable resource.

Note that in saying this, the Group is not supporting, or even commenting on HS2 in general, or on the merits of other ways by which Sheffield may be connected to HS2.

The boxes above were submitted on the Response form on 2016-11-24

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