

HS2 and Measham

Response by Measham Parish Council to the High Speed Two: Phase 2b Design Refinement Consultation

Traffic and Transport

The Parish Council are concerned that road closures during the realignment around Junction 13 will impact on access to NHS Services, specifically for Measham residents whose designated emergency care 'walk in' centre situated in Loughborough.

Concerns that access will also be impacted to Leicestershire County Councils recycling and household waste facility at Lount on the B587.

Community

Lack of overnight accommodation provision for workers could put pressure on existing housing stock and see prices inflated with high demand. This will leave either no availability or inflated costs for non-railway staff and contractors who want to move to or relocate in the village.

Emergency services

There should be no loss, but it would be prudent to make all the Emergency Services aware of any imminent road closures when construction is taking place, as otherwise there could be dire consequences and a risk of loss of life.

Air quality and health effects

It is presumed there will be constant air quality monitoring by HS2 themselves, North West Leicestershire District Council and other agencies. This will be particularly pertinent to villagers suffering from breathing and chest problems already damaged from Measham being a mining community and will also impact on the elderly.

Crime, safety and personal security

The Parish Council are concerned that there could be an increased risk of anti-social issues arising from the influx of a transient workforce. This could put additional pressure on the emergency services.

Temporary railhead at Ashby

With the construction of the temporary Railhead at Ashby it is felt that this could be utilised to assist with the proposed Ivanhoe line which would enormously improve travel links in the local area.