

# SAY NO TO HS2 VIADUCTS

Do you know that 4 High Speed train tracks will be built right through Woodlesford, Oulton and Swillington? News of HS2 in 2012 caused house prices to tumble leaving many home owners unable to sell or remortgage.

**But the worst is yet to come...**

**A decade of construction and our valley destroyed forever!**



Our skyline and countryside will be dominated forever by a huge concrete viaduct, 4 houses high and 1.4 miles long, with 225 mph trains thundering through Woodlesford every 3 minutes night and day.

HS2 will be seen and heard from almost everywhere and every home as it spans the entire Aire Valley, towering so high over the villages.

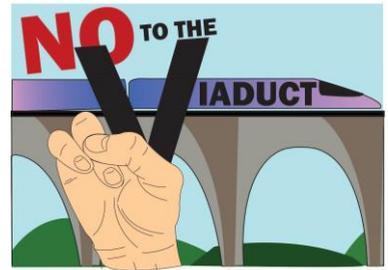
Two tunnels, each 1 mile long, also pass under Woodlesford destroying Water Haigh Woodland Park with a 140m wide cutting.

LS25, LS26, the Aire Valley and their wildlife will be totally decimated.

***Together we must demand that HS2 is entirely tunnelled under LS26***

# UNDER NOT OVER

HS2's preferred route is totally unacceptable. We must all work together to **demand that the whole route through our area be put in tunnels**. Manchester has 15 miles of track in tunnels, we deserve and demand the same!



## During construction, as currently proposed by HS2 Ltd

The area will be unbearable with massive disruption, noise, pollution and traffic all contributing to gridlocked roads and a poor quality of life.

- 🚧 Construction work will be 24/7 for over 6 years, and up to 10 years
- 🚧 1,000+ workers will be housed nearby in a temporary worker's village
- 🚧 Over 14,000 trucks will be required to remove spoil from the heart of the village, many more will be needed to supply construction materials
- 🚧 Existing trains will be disrupted for over 2 years forcing commuters from our area, Castleford and Knottingley onto our already congested roads

## Once HS2 is operational

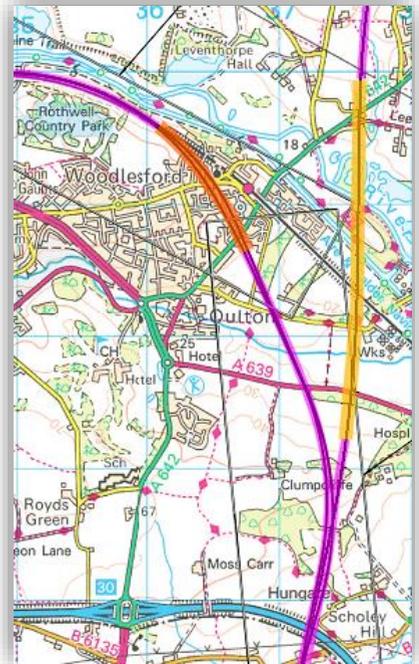
Trains will run all day and night, every day. Noisy track maintenance will take place between 1am and 5am and trains will be taken overnight to the cleaning depot near Arla. Freight trains are also possible.

Only those home owners living right next to the lines will get compensation, and the amounts are woefully inadequate.

## What can I do?

Write to the Transport Secretary, HS2, our MP, Councillors, and Leeds City Council Executive to ensure they know that we won't rest until they give us what's right.

Sign our online petitions and check the website regularly for news and actions.



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*Ask family and friends to stand up for us too, wherever they live*