



TSS Neighbourhood Forum Management Committee
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HS2 Group

The group continues to monitor developments in HS2 Phase 2b in our area, and will react where necessary to try to mitigate the negative effects of the construction of HS2 on local residents.

There is currently a great deal of uncertainty about the future of HS2. Spiralling costs and pressure from the Northern Powerhouse to connect West and East as part of the project are impacting on its timescale and delivery. Already a formal 'Notice to Proceed' on the major construction works which should have been issued in June for the first phase of the project has been put back for six months by Ministers concerned about the budget.

This will obviously have a knock on effect on the rest of the project and seems to put it in jeopardy but an open letter signed by more than 40 prominent figures from the Midlands and the North of England has called on party leaders to publicly commit to completing HS2 Phase Two in its entirety.

Nottinghamshire County Council Leader Kay Cutts is one of the signatories of this letter which seems to indicate that there is County Council support for HS2 in Nottinghamshire.

On 11th February 2019 we were able to express some of our concerns about the local effects of HS2 at a meeting with Councillors Helen-Ann Smith and Jason Zadrozny, who is on the Mitigation Board for HS2 in Nottinghamshire. We were assured that there will be consideration of our concerns when the Board reaches Area LA10 but at present the focus is on the more southern parts of Nottinghamshire, where Nottinghamshire County Council is keen to make the most of any benefits that HS2 might bring to Nottinghamshire and proposals have been put forward by councillors to connect Kirkby to the new Toton HS2 Hub by re-opening a branch line as the Maid Marian line.

We expect the next development in our area to be the publication of the Formal Draft Environmental Statement but as yet we have no indication of when this may come out.

We are currently a very small group but new members are welcome to join us at any time.

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