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PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS HOW TO RESPOND TO THE REVISED HS2b ROUTE IN THE MEASHAM AREA

A public meeting has been organised to discuss how to respond to the recent revisions made to the proposed high speed train route HS2b in the Measham area of Leicestershire.

Local people are being invited to form a group to research the implications of the new route which, it is proposed, will take an easterly, rather than a westerly route around Appleby Magna and Measham before more closely approaching the western side of Packington. If such a group is formed it will result in a substantial set of objections which the group can submit to HS2 Ltd.

The meeting is to be held from 7.30 on Tuesday the 13th December in St Laurence's Church Hall, High Street, Measham.

More details about the group organising the meeting, Measham HS2 Action, can be found here on either their Facebook page or their Twitter Feed:

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Steve Leary, speaking for the group organising the meeting said, “This revision of the route has shocked and distressed local residents and will devastate some local businesses and a housing development that lie along this new route if no changes are made. We’ve been given just 16 weeks from the 15th November, including Christmas and the New Year, to respond to this consultation exercise. We are being asked whether we agree with the new route, which the Minister for Transport is ‘minded to approve’.

We are also being asked to comment on the proposed compensation schemes for those who will either have their property subject to compulsory purchase or suffer varying degrees of disruption to their lives.

I already know some of the pain and anguish this announcement has caused but, after the meeting on the 13th December, we should have the beginnings of an idea on how we can prove to HS2 Ltd that this choice of route creates at least the same degree of harm locally as the initially proposed western route. Organising how we are to do this will be the main purpose of the meeting.”

Steve Leary

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