

LISTED BUILDING CONSENT APPLICATIONS:

AUSTHORPE LANE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

Commenter Type	Commenter Address	Comments
Neighbour response	LS15 8NA	I support these works been carried out. The bridge is in much need of an upgrade to two lanes for cars.
Neighbour response	LS15 9EW	<p>I understand that 5.5m is the minimum width for a two lane road.</p> <p>My concern is that, despite the prevailing 20mph speed limit (which is generally ignored as has already been reported to WY Police through the local Neighbourhood Watch), such a narrow road, together with what will remain poor sight lines for traffic travelling North across the bridge, will result in 'surprise' meetings on the bridge causing vehicles to mount the pavement.</p> <p>I also feel that, given the amount being spent on the project, footways should be provided on both sides of the carriageway.</p>
Society	LS15 7AG	<p>Overall I strongly approve of the scheme to upgrade the rail line to electric running. That being said the removal of a Grade 2 listed bridge of local and national significance is unacceptable.</p> <p>IF the bridge needs to be replace than every effort to retain the look and style of the original MUST be taken. I'm no structural engineer, but that shouldn't mean that yet another concrete bridge with a few stones from the original is the only solution.</p> <p>I would have expected the whole of the 'new' bridge to be clad in the original stone (plus some new in the same material) with great care being taken to keep pretty close to the original.</p> <p>Reading the attached documents it would seem that there is plenty of 'new' stone available from the other bridge that is to be demolished. Much more effort needs to be made to use this and minimise the new elements of the replacement bridge being visible.</p> <p>Please rethink this scheme and come back with a solution that is practical and historically considerate.</p> <p>Thanks</p>

Neighbour response	LS15 8HG	Part of the construction area has very important habitat, where protected species may exist, in particular Great Crested Newts. Preservation of this area is important in protecting vulnerable species and wildlife in general. I object to the proposal as planned.
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BRADY FARM BRIDGE REMOVAL

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Neighbour response	LS25 2NS	I object to this bridge being demolished as it is the same height as the road bridge so the height should not be an issue for electrification to the line. I use this bridge regularly on the public footpath whilst walking my dogs as it is away from the bussle of the station at the other pedestrian bridge. It is part of the history of garforth and should remain so. There are very few places where you can cross the railway line and you will be dividing garforth into two halves by removing access across the railway line.
Neighbour response	LS25 2BG	Hi Stuart, I've just been reading the alternative options evaluation study for this and I would like to ask for option B1 - Bridge Deck Reconstruction to be pursued rather than the demolition of the bridge. Whilst I understand that Brady Farm bridge is not a PROW, I can tell you that this bridge is and has been regularly used by locals (especially dog walkers) for decades. The bridge enables locals to access the public footpath that runs from New Sturton Lane to Ridge Road via Woodlands Drive and Stub Wood on the other side of the railway line. I'm aware that locals don't have the legal right to do this, however, my worry is that removing the bridge entirely has the potential to create some unintended future risks to public safety. Firstly, I fear that removal of the bridge will encourage more foot traffic on the public footpath down towards the kissing gate and onto the road bridge on Ridge Road. Ridge Road is very busy with lots of fast-moving traffic (including lorries driving to and from the depot at Sturton Grange Farm) and only a narrow pedestrian footpath. In my view, encouraging more people onto this road poses an increased risk to both drivers and

		<p>pedestrians.</p> <p>Secondly, I feel that removing the bridge takes a short-sighted approach to potential future access needs. Though the bridge is currently disused by the owners of the land either side of it, this may not be the case in the future. The fields on either side of Brady Farm bridge are very large and are annually used for arable farming. As the climate changes, there is likely to be an increased risk of wild and crop fires affecting them in the summer. Currently, there is an access gate to Sturton Grange farm next to Brady Farm bridge, which provides the potential for emergency service vehicles/personnel to cross the railway. If the bridge were to be reconstructed, it could be made both higher and wider, to provide smaller firer engines (for example) another point of access to the field on the opposite side of Sturton Grange farm in the event of a crop fire. A reconstructed bridge would also provide another potentially vital point of escape across the railway for walkers using the public footpath (the public footpath is currently fenced in on both sides).</p> <p>In summary, for the reasons stated above I feel that the extra expense of reconstructing the bridge is worth it and should displace abandonment as the preferred option.</p>
Neighbour response	LS25 1PR	<p>How much more are you going to take away. Are people expected to cross over the railway????</p> <p>Stop altering our countryside for the sake of capital gain.</p>
Neighbour response	LS25 2EH	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I've read through the documents and I don't see it listed anywhere that this is a popular bridge for walkers/dog walkers.</p> <p>I walk over this bridge every day as part of a nice walk with my dog - starting on New Sturton In, down to makins farm, across the bridge, alongside the farmland, and around the wooded area round the back of green lane primary academy.</p> <p>It's one of the few quiet, rural routes near my house. Is there any possibility of a small replacement bridge for pedestrians around the same area?</p>
Neighbour response	LS25 1LL	<p>I object to the total removal of a bridge, if it has to be removed, then there should be another one erected instead so that there is still access across the railway line from the field to the footpath by makins field and visa versa, this is a well trodden path for walkers and should remain so, thank you.</p>
Neighbour response	LS25 2NJ	<p>We regularly use this bridge to join the public footpath as one of the few local walks on our doorstep.</p>
Neighbour response	LS25 1AR	<p>Why take out the bridge and provide no alternative access? The path is used by walkers</p>

Neighbour response	LS25 2LY	This bridge is used by many dog walkers amongst others, there would be no other way of accessing the fields. If this bridge is demolished then there has to be another bridge build in its place to give public the right to pass
Neighbour response	LS25 2BE	As a daily user of this bridge I will be very dissapointed to see it demolished and not replaced. This bridge is in regular use by many walkers in the area who want to walk through nature rather than on concrete pavements 100% of the time. Garforth already has limited access to natural spaces and all are already tightly controlled by landowners, this will restrict access to public rights of way further and diminish access to the countryside. Surely a simple footbridge could be built for the people of garforth (and their dogs).
Society	LS25 2BE	Object to demolition
Neighbour response	LS25 2BN	This bridge is an important part of a walk I do very regularly and as it is quiet, it helps with my mental well being. Additionally, it's a perfect walk for my dog who isn't very fond of other dogs. Demolishing and not replacing this bridge with restrict accessibility greatly and limit my dog walking loops. Please be mindful of the number of people who use this bridge!!
Neighbour response	LS25 1JY	This is a well used walking route in an already nature poor town, demolishing access across the railway lines will adversely affect local people. It is also a well used wildlife corridor, animals have no access across the railway lines elsewhere on this stretch up to Ridge Road. At the very least a replacement should be built to allow people access over.
Neighbour response	LS25 2LJ	The documentation all states that this bridge is not in use but this is not the case and it is used daily by walkers and has been for many years. It is not blocked at both ends. It is blocked to vehicles at one end but pedestrian access is possible. This bridge is part of history and I therefore object to it being removed.
Neighbour response	LS25 2EN	This is a well used walk way by people in the community that gives pleasure to myself and others who get great benefits from walking in open fields. The demolition would limit access to people who can only walk small distance
Society	LS25 2BG	I don't object to the bridge being demolished to make improvements to railway system as long as a new bridge is built in it's place. I and many others use this bridge to access the right of way alongside Makin's farm; it's an important link to exercise, dog walking and socialising.
Neighbour response	LS25 2ER	I fail to understand how a listed bridge/building can be demolished. Why have such an order as a listing in the first place if it can be overruled? This will be the second/third historic bridge to my knowledge that will

		have been removed from Garforth due to the electric railways. There will be nothing left of historic Garforth at this rate. I would also be interested to know what will become of the old bricks should this request go ahead? I strongly object just as I did to the removal of the bridge at Garforth station and the monstrosity of a bridge which is currently been built.
Society	LS25 2ER	This Bridge is just another bridge to network rail but not to me or the local community.If you take the time to actually go and look at it instead of just going another one needs to come out via Google maps.Then you can see the labour and love with which it was made.Including the skilled stonemasons marks still to be seen in the stone.Shame on you network rail first the trees,then a hideous fence let's just homogenise the whole thing then paint it beige.
Neighbour response	LS25 2LY	I understand this bridge to have been listed. While I understand the apparent need to clear space to allow the rail upgrade, surely a piece of industrial history can be re-instated after the work has been completed. To remove it completely will impact local residents who walk the Makins path regularly, particularly older people who walk the circular route over the two bridges. It's bad enough that the lovely old bridge at Garforth train station has been permanently removed without permanently removing this one as well.
Neighbour response	LS25 2LY	To remove this Grad 11 listed bridge is a travesty for local people. This bridge is used by many people who walk for their health and well being to exercise their dogs and by children who watch for and wave at passing trains. My seven year old grandson has also asked me to point out that removing the bridge will cause disruption to the habitats of mini beasts who inhabit the area. To remove the bridge and not plan to replace it is an aberration. Further, the loss of a much used and favourite footpath while this work takes places flies in the face of current recommendations about walking in green spaces to promote health and well being. I urge the appropriate authorities to think again.
Neighbour response	LS25 2BE	This bridge is part of a well worn and commonly accessed route for dog walkers and ramblers alike, enabling access to the pathway alongside Makins farm heading to/from Micklefield and Garforth. Although unconscionable, the suggested removal of this bridge and therefore access to a safe route would increase the danger for those seeking to make this walk. The A656 linking the motorways to Selby road is a very fast road and would put lives at risk if there is no simple access and crossing point.

RIDGE ROAD BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

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Neighbour response	LS25 4FX	Micklefield has already undertaken a substantial amount of redevelopment slowly chipping away at the history within this small village. It will be unacceptable if the council agree to remove one of the few listed buildings within this town.