

## **The Network Rail (Leeds to Micklefield Enhancements) Order**

### **Summary of southbound diversionary routes from Sturton Grange Farm during Ridge Road closure**

- 1 The purpose of this note is to summarise the diversionary routes available for vehicles exiting Sturton Grange Farm to travel in a southerly direction during the Ridge Road closure.
- 2 Under the current TRU programme, Ridge Road will be closed for the demolition and re-construction of the Ridge Road bridge for nine months from July 2026 to April 2027.
- 3 The proposed diversionary route is illustrated in Figure 11B.4 – Diversion Route Plan in the Environmental Report Vol 3 Appendix 11B – Technical Note: Transport Assessment – Ridge Road Temporary Bridge Closure (CD 1.16.02).
- 4 Under this diversionary route, vehicles would travel north from Sturton Grange Farm along the A656 Ridge Road to its junction with the M1 and then south-southwest through Garforth along the A642 Aberford Road to its junction with the A63 and then west along the A63 to its junction with the A656.
- 5 There is a 7.5t weight limit on the A642 Aberford Road through Garforth, with exceptions for permit holders.
- 6 Where permits are not granted by the Highway Authority, alternative southbound routes from Sturton Grange Farm are available.
  - Option 1 – via M1 southbound at J47. This route would involve travel north from Sturton Grange Farm along the A656 Ridge Road to its junction with the M1, then west southwest on the M1. To access the A1(M) southbound, journeys would exit the M1 at junction 46, taking the A63 eastbound to join the A1(M) at junction 42. Approx journey time 27 mins / 16.6 miles.
  - Option 2 - via M1 southbound at J47. This route would involve travel north from Sturton Grange Farm along the A656 Ridge Road to its junction with the M1, then west southwest on the M1. To access the A1(M) southbound, journeys would exit the M1 at junction 42 to take the M62 eastbound to join the A1(M) at Ferrybridge. Approx journey time 29 mins / 24 miles.
  - Option 3 – via M1 northbound at J47. This would involve travel north from Sturton Grange Farm along the A656 Ridge Road to its junction with the M1 J47, then in a northerly direction to join the A1(M) northbound and then on to the A1(M) southbound at its junction with the A64. Approx journey time 24 mins / 20 miles.