

# BARWICK in ELMET & SCHOLES PARISH COUNCIL



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Dear Mr Bartlett,

## Closure of Leeds Road Scholes

I am writing to you as Chair of Barwick and Scholes Parish Council to express concern at the proposals to close Leeds Road Scholes for a period of 6 weeks, commencing on 23 July and the consequences of this decision on the highway network. You will already have received correspondence from our ward Councillors setting out the reasons for these concerns which are shared with many residents in our parish. Indeed we have had 384 objections to the closure recorded on our parish website from residents who are very concerned about the impact of the closures on the surrounding highway network.

I am advised that following correspondence from our ward Councillor and others and at the request of the Councils Chief Executive, you are reviewing the decision to authorise the closure and I look forward to receiving details of the outcome of this review as a matter of urgency.

In addition to the closure of Leeds Road, we also understand that Skeltons Lane is to remain closed until 22 September, along with closure of the A64 for overnight working. There is also an intention to permanently close Thorner Lane when Skeltons Lane is reopened, and I assume this remains the case even if the closure of Skeltons Lane is extended as now proposed.

My specific reason for writing to you on behalf of the Parish Council is to seek a guarantee from you, as the Director of Highways responsible for the highway network in Leeds, that all these roads will not be closed at the same time and that there will be at least one of these roads open to provide access to the parish at all times.

I am obliged to make this request because of the absence of clear advice from Council Officers about the programme of road closures, a complete lack of information about expected problems and mitigation measures, and details of new bus routes.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

*Phil Maude*

Chair of the Parish Council