



THE DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORT

M1 — A1 LINK ROAD (M1 BELLE ISLE TO A1 HOOK MOOR) AND A1 IMPROVEMENTS (HOOK MOOR TO BRAMHAM)



This leaflet describes proposals for:

- A new link road between the **M1** at **Belle Isle** and the **A1** at **Hook Moor**
- Improvements of the **A1** between **Hook Moor** and **Bramham**

There will be exhibitions at **Garforth, Aberford, Rothwell, Woodlesford, Swillington, Bramham** and **Colton**.

We are interested in your views on the proposals and any other relevant information that you can give us.

A questionnaire is enclosed and it would help us if you would complete and return it by **22nd January 1990**. We are also consulting Local Authorities and other interested bodies.

THE PROBLEM

In the area to the east of Leeds there is serious traffic congestion. This causes considerable delays to both local and through traffic, poor road safety, traffic hazards to pedestrians and noise nuisance to local residents.

Many communities on main routes between the M1 and the A1 are adversely affected by through traffic. The high number of lorries is damaging to the local environment.

The problems which exist today cannot be solved by local road improvements alone and will intensify if nothing is done.

THE PROPOSAL

The Secretary of State for Transport has proposed the construction of the **M1-A1 Link Road** to relieve congestion and improve the environment and road safety in the area.

The proposal is as follows:-

- A new motorway with three lanes in each direction between the M1 at Belle Isle and the A1 at Hook Moor.
- The improvement of the existing A1 between Hook Moor and Bramham Crossroads to provide four lanes in each direction.

The map overleaf shows the proposed route and the proposed junction locations. Junction layouts will be determined after consultation and further design.

The route starts on the **M1** at **Belle Isle** just north of the **M1/M62 Lofthouse Interchange** and then curves to the north-east between **Rothwell** and **Skelton Grange Power Station**. After crossing the **River Aire** and the **Aire and Calder Navigation** the route runs eastwards skirting **Temple Newsam Park** before turning to the north and crossing the **A63 near Austhorpe**. North of Austhorpe the route curves to the east, following the valley between the north of **Garforth** and **Parlington Hollins**. Over this length the route crosses the Leeds-York Railway, **Barwick Road** and the **A642 Aberford Road** before joining the **A1** at **Hook Moor**.

Between **Hook Moor** and **Bramham** the **A1** would be widened. At **Aberford** a new southbound carriageway would be constructed immediately to the east of the **A1**. The existing southbound carriageway would be widened to become the new northbound carriageway, thereby moving **A1** traffic away from the village. The existing northbound carriageway would be used for landscaping purposes to minimise noise and visual intrusion.

THE EFFECTS OF THE NEW ROAD

Through traffic, including most of the heavy lorries at present using the A64 and A642 would use the new road. Traffic congestion in Leeds would be reduced, with particular relief on the following roads:

- The **A642** between the M62 and Hook Moor
- The **A64** between central Leeds and Bramham Crossroads
- The **A1** between Hook Moor and Bramham Crossroads
- The **A58** between the Leeds Outer Ring Road and Wetherby
- The **A63** through Halton and Whitkirk

Reductions in through traffic would improve safety and enhance the local environment.

The new road would assist urban economic regeneration, particularly in the Stourton area where a new freight rail terminal is planned. Access to the central area of Leeds would be enhanced by the new road in conjunction with the East Leeds Radial scheme, which is being prepared by Leeds City Council.

The **Link Road** and **A1 Improvements** would take some farmland, affect agricultural operations and be visible from some houses. However, for such a major highway proposal the general environmental impact on its surroundings is considered to be small and it is unlikely that any properties would be demolished.

REJECTED ROUTES

Highway alignment standards and local constraints offer little opportunity to develop alternative routes that would be likely to have any significant advantage over the proposals described in this leaflet.

A route between the **A63** at **Austhorpe** and the **A1** at **Bramham**, passing between **Barwick** and **Scholes** was considered at a Public Inquiry in 1982/83. Following the Inquiry Inspector's recommendation the Secretary of State abandoned this route, mainly because of its environmental disadvantages.

An improvement of the **A1** between **Hook Moor** and **Bramham** on a new route some 300m to the east of the existing **A1** has been considered and rejected because of its severe effect on agriculture, the surrounding landscape, and local archaeological features.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Your comments will be welcome. A questionnaire is enclosed to help you express your views; this can then be handed in at the exhibitions or you can post it to us. It would be most helpful if you could return it by **22nd January 1990**.

Extra copies of this leaflet and questionnaire are available at the exhibitions or can be obtained from:-

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City House
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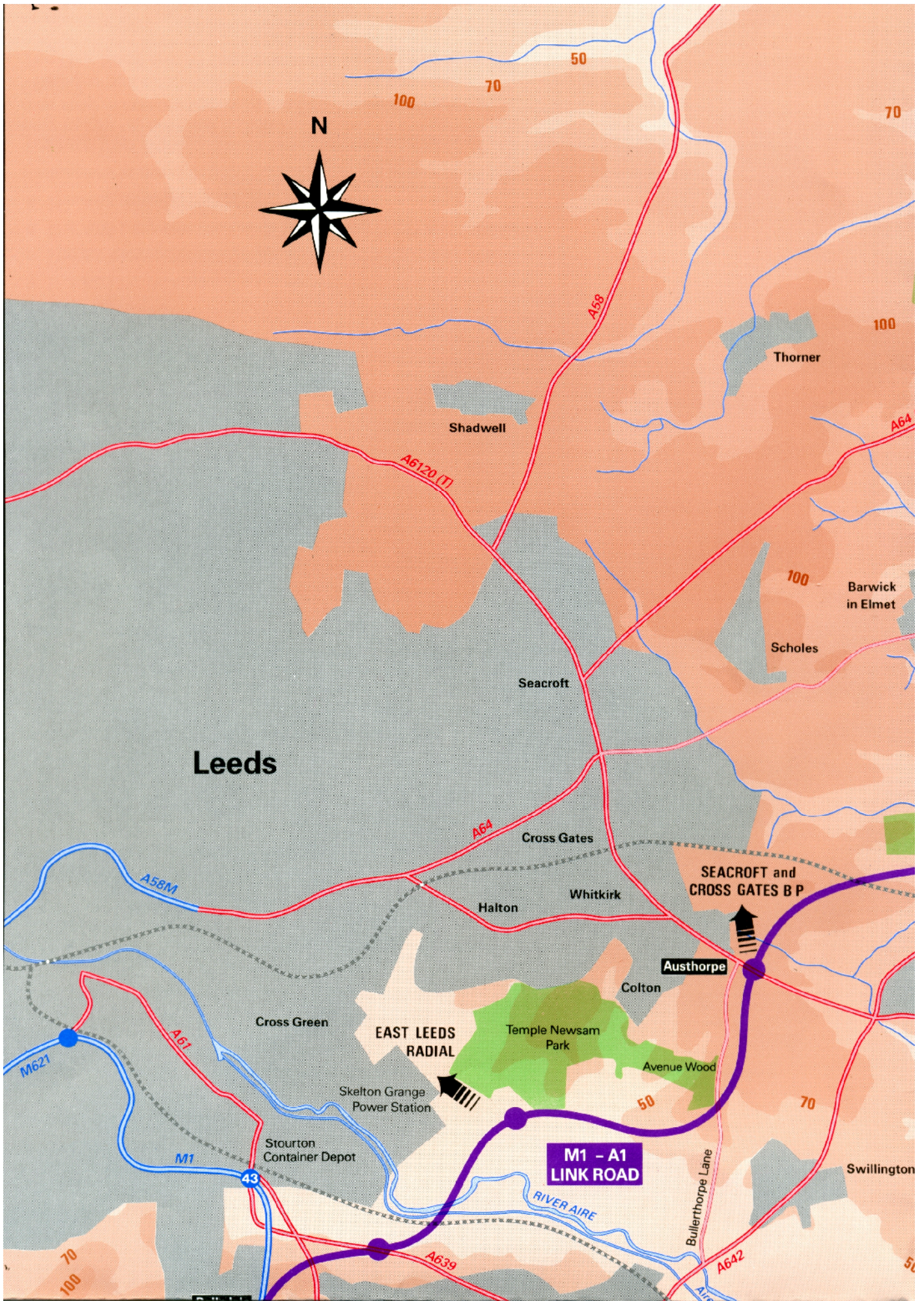
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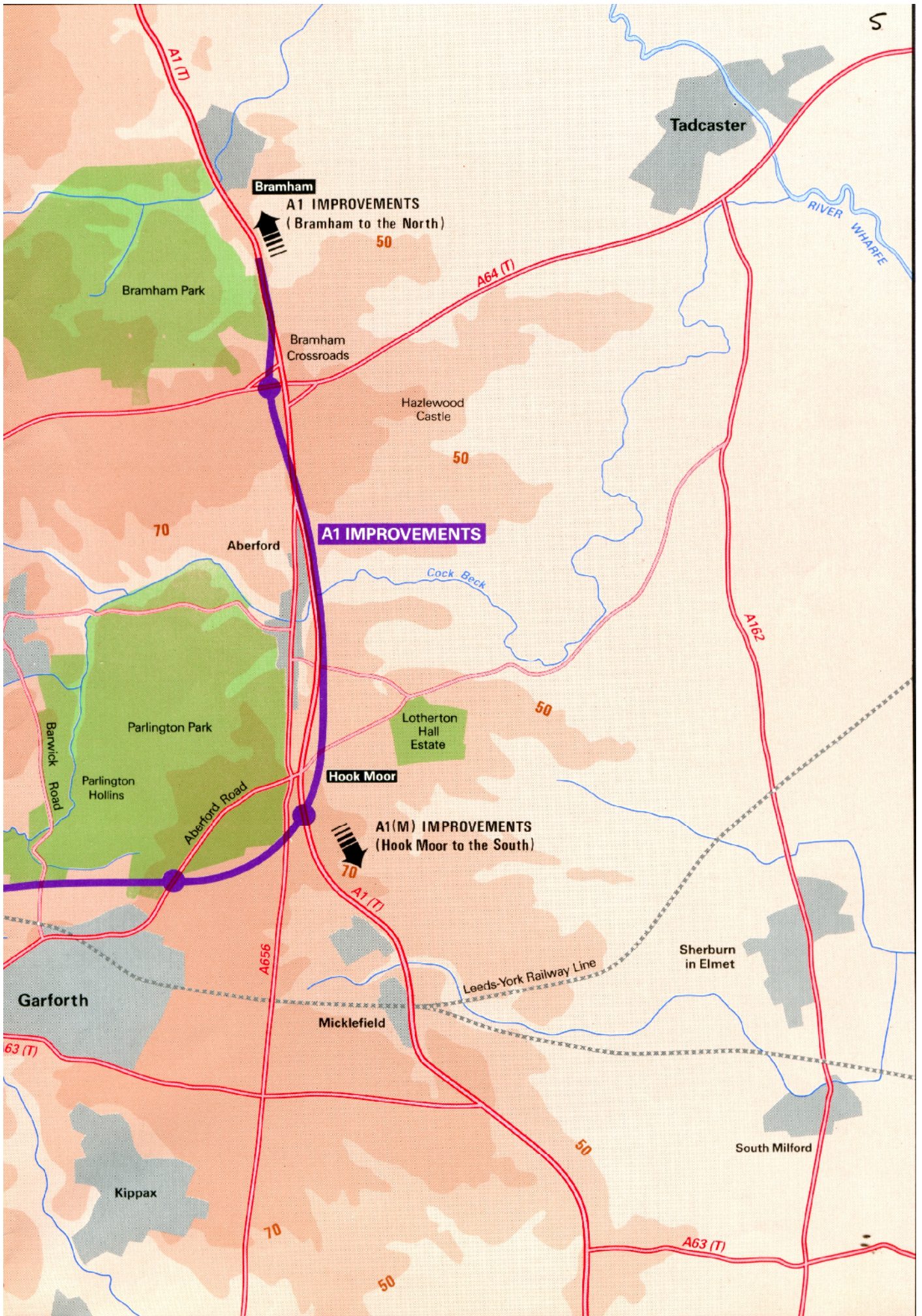
When the views of the public and others have been taken into account and scheme design has been developed, it is intended to publish detailed proposals in accordance with the Highways Act 1980. In accordance with the statutory procedures you will then be able to comment again or object formally. A Public Inquiry might also be held.

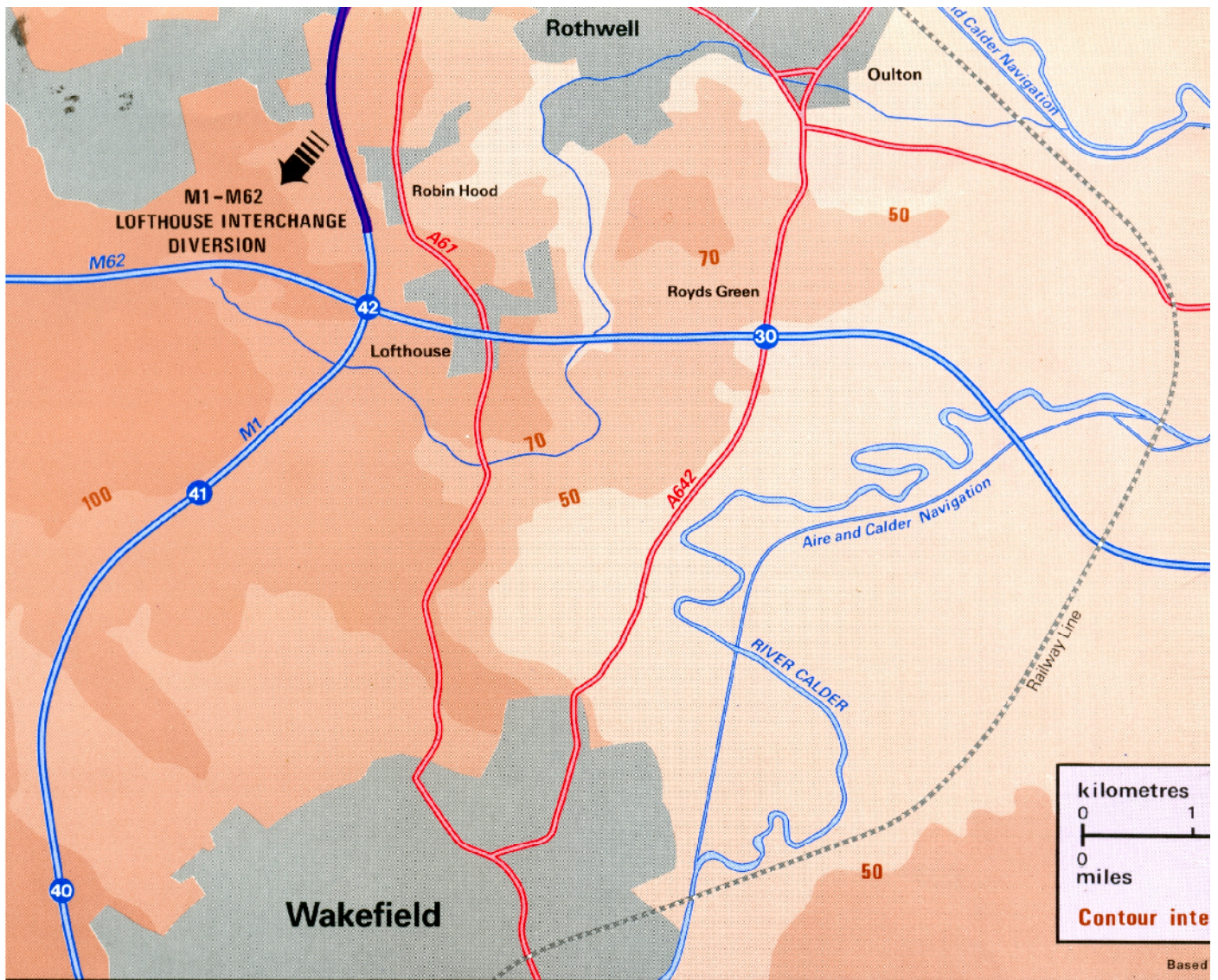
Compensation may be available for people who are affected by the proposals. Explanatory leaflets will be available at the exhibitions.

A FINAL WORD

You will not prejudice your rights, either now or in the future by giving your views. Please help us by returning your questionnaire before **22nd January 1990**.



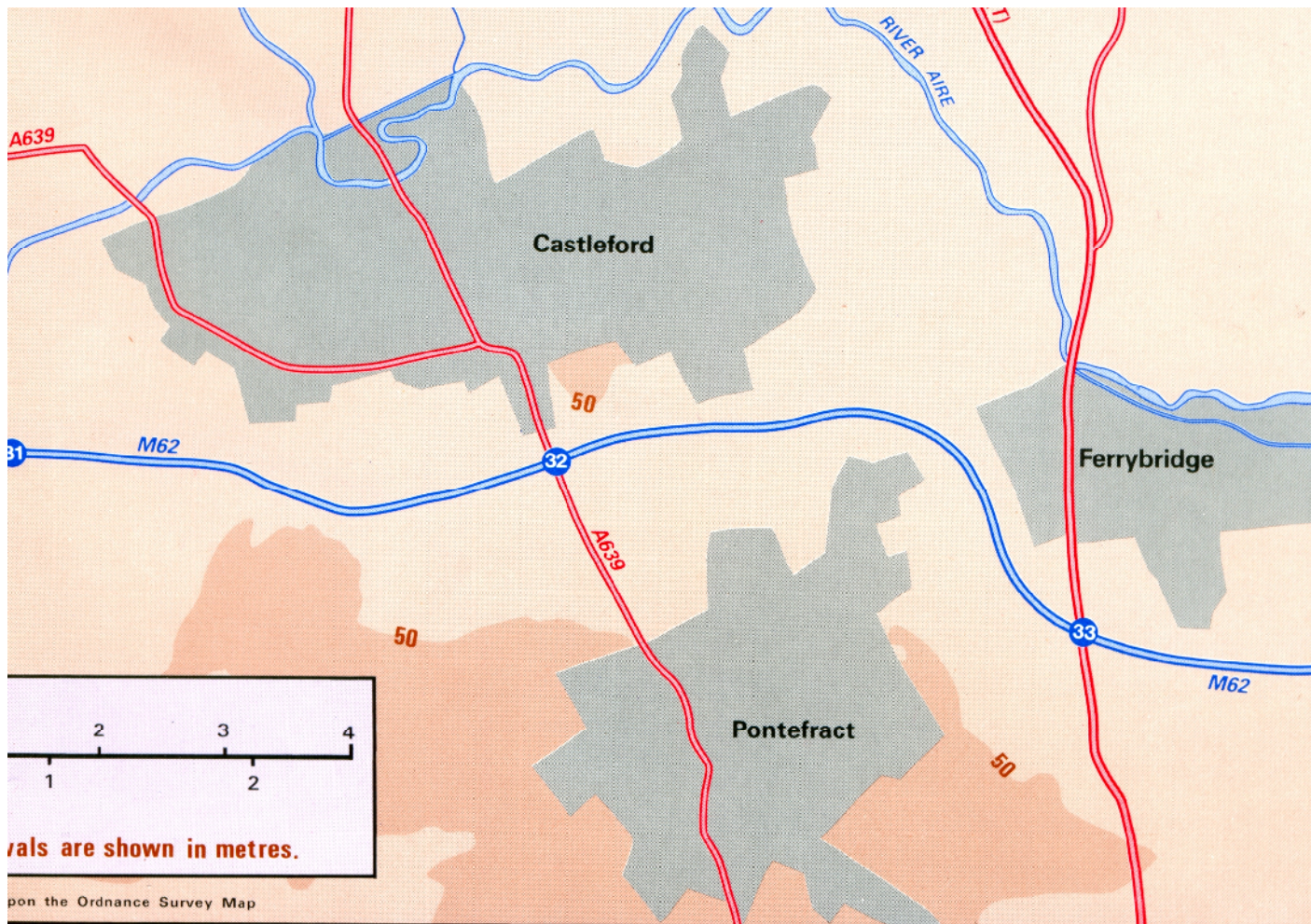




SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS

SECTION	LENGTH	STANDARD	AMOUNT OF LAND TAKEN	ESTIMATED COST NOVEMBER 1989
M1 Belle Isle to A63 Austhorpe	9.6km 6 miles	Dual 3 Lane Motorway	100 hectares 247 acres	£ 82m
A63 Austhorpe to A1 Hook Moor	6.0km 3.8 miles	Dual 3 Lane Motorway	60 hectares 148 acres	£ 31m
A1 Improvements, Hook Moor to Bramham	7.0km 4.4 miles	Dual 4 Lane	70 hectares 173 acres	£ 45m
TOTAL SCHEME	22.6km 14.2 miles		230 hectares 568 acres	£158m

The scheme proposals are preliminary at this stage but are unlikely to require the demolition of any houses.



TRAFFIC INFORMATION

Forecasts of traffic flows at this stage are preliminary. The table below gives an indication of the anticipated changes in traffic flow as a result of the scheme:-

LOCATION	TRAFFIC FLOW IN 1988 (AVERAGE 12 HOUR DAILY FLOW)	FORECAST TRAFFIC FLOWS IN OPENING YEAR (AVERAGE 12 HOUR DAILY FLOW)		FORECAST CHANGE IN FLOW AS A RESULT OF SCHEME	
		IF NO NEW ROUTE IS CONSTRUCTED	IF NEW ROUTE IS CONSTRUCTED	ALL VEHICLES	HEAVY GOODS VEHICLES
A64 Urban	50,000	65,000	42,000	-23,000	-6,000
A64 Rural	22,000	29,000	13,000	-16,000	-6,000
A63 Urban	22,000	29,000	16,000	-13,000	- 600
A58 Urban	35,000	46,000	34,000	-12,000	- 800
A58 Rural	17,000	22,000	14,000	- 8,000	- 500
A642 North of Garforth	7,000	9,000	2,000	- 7,000	-1,800
A642 Royds Green	15,000	20,000	7,000	-13,000	-2,800
A1 Aberford	43,000	56,000	76,000	+ 20,000	+ 7,000

EXHIBITION VENUES

Free exhibitions which show more detail about the scheme will be held at the venues listed below. Staff will be present to discuss the proposals with you.

Monday	27th Nov 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	St Mary's Church Hall, Garforth
Tuesday	28th Nov 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	
Wednesday	29th Nov 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	
Thursday	30th Nov 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	Aberford Village Hall
Friday	1st Dec 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	
Saturday	2nd Dec 1989	10.00am—4.00pm	
Monday	4th Dec 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	Rothwell Methodist Church
Tuesday	5th Dec 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	
Wednesday	6th Dec 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	All Saints' Parish Hall, Woodlesford
Thursday	7th Dec 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	
Friday	8th Dec 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	Swillington Methodist Church Hall
Saturday	9th Dec 1989	10.00am—4.00pm	
Wednesday	13th Dec 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	Bramham Village Hall
Thursday	14th Dec 1989	2.00pm—8.00pm	Colton Methodist Church Hall
Friday	15th Dec 1989	10.00am—8.00pm	

THANK YOU