

Ingestre with Tixall Parish Council

HS2 Phase 2a

House of Lords Petition

29 July 2020

Introduction

- Ingestre and Tixall are two adjacent small villages – population 340, both directly and specially affected by HS2's planned route
- Both are Conservation Areas in the historic parkland setting of the former Shrewsbury Estate
- A number of assurances from HS2 have already been received by the Parish Council, which are appreciated.
- Today, we present our other concerns, for your consideration.

Ingestre Park Golf Club

It is hoped that the Golf Course and Club House will remain in Ingestre, for the following reasons:

- Important community facility
- Local employer
- Only licensed premises in both villages

Ingestre Golf Club



Listed Buildings

- 9 in Ingestre and 15 in Tixall
- Tixall Gatehouse and Ingestre Church - Grade 1, Ingestre Hall – Grade 2* – of national importance
- Beautiful cluster of 8 Listed buildings at the heart of former Shrewsbury Estate located within only 850 metres of line

Some Ingestre and Tixall Listed buildings



Listed Buildings, cont'd

- Ingestre Church – Grade I Listed:
 - Completed in 1676
 - Designed by Sir Christopher Wren
 - Only Wren Church outside London
 - 400 metres from line
- Ingestre Hall – Grade II* Listed:
 - Built 1613, re-built 1880
 - Capability Brown landscape
 - 350 metres from line

Listed Buildings, cont'd

- Ingestre Pavilion
 - Built in 1752
 - Only 150 metres from line
- Ingestre Orangery
 - Recently restored
 - 400 metres from line
- Old and New Stables
- Home Farm Buildings and Farm House

Noise and Vibration

- Stability and viability of historic buildings
- Jeopardised by construction and running of railway
- No evidential proof provided of foundations to withstand construction – Triassic Sandstone
- 20 metre deep Brancote South cutting

Financial liability on Listed buildings

- Reduction in student visits including training at Ingestre Riding New Stables.
- Reduction in concerts
- High ongoing maintenance costs
- Duty to ensure continuation and protection
- Damage sustained to Ingestre Church in 2019
- Waste of public money already spent (£1,900,000)

Financial Liability, cont'd

- Effect on Ingestre Church, Ingestre Hall and Orangery, as follows:
 - Potential loss of income – up to 14 weddings per year, generating approx. £250 in fees to the Church per wedding
 - Reduced visitor/tourist numbers – average donations £1255 pa

Benefits of Listed Buildings

- Promotion of history, heritage and countryside
- Courses that contribute to the well being of adults and children
- Sustainability of Staffordshire tourism

Transport

- Assurances offered by HS2 at Hoo Mill crossroads are welcomed – long term solutions needed.
- HS2 to influence SCC Highways to improve the junction at Blackheath Lane/Tixall Road.
- HS2 construction vehicles - minimise impact upon village lanes

Requests

- Damage to Ingestre Church roof - to mitigate Church loss of income
Select Committee to consider donation of £5000 for installation of roof alarm.
- Contribution towards £80,000 replacement cost of Church organ.

Postscript

- Petition information is built upon previous petitions and extensive work of our colleague Dr Anne Hardy Andrews who sadly passed away in April following a long illness.