

# Comments for Planning Application 23/04387/LI

## Application Summary

Application Number: 23/04387/LI

Address: Railway Bridge HUL4/21 Austhorpe Lane Crossgates Leeds LS15 8TP

Proposal: Listed Building Consent for the demolition of the existing Austhorpe Lane bridge (including the adjacent footbridge and gas pipeline) and a new bridge erected in its place

Case Officer: Mr Stuart Daniel

## Customer Details

Name: Not Available

Address: Not Available

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Society

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Listed Building/Cons Area/Parks Gardens
- Visual Appearance

Comment: 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.

IF the bridge needs to be replaced then 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.

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.

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.

Please rethink this scheme and come back with a solution that is practical and historically considerate.

Thanks