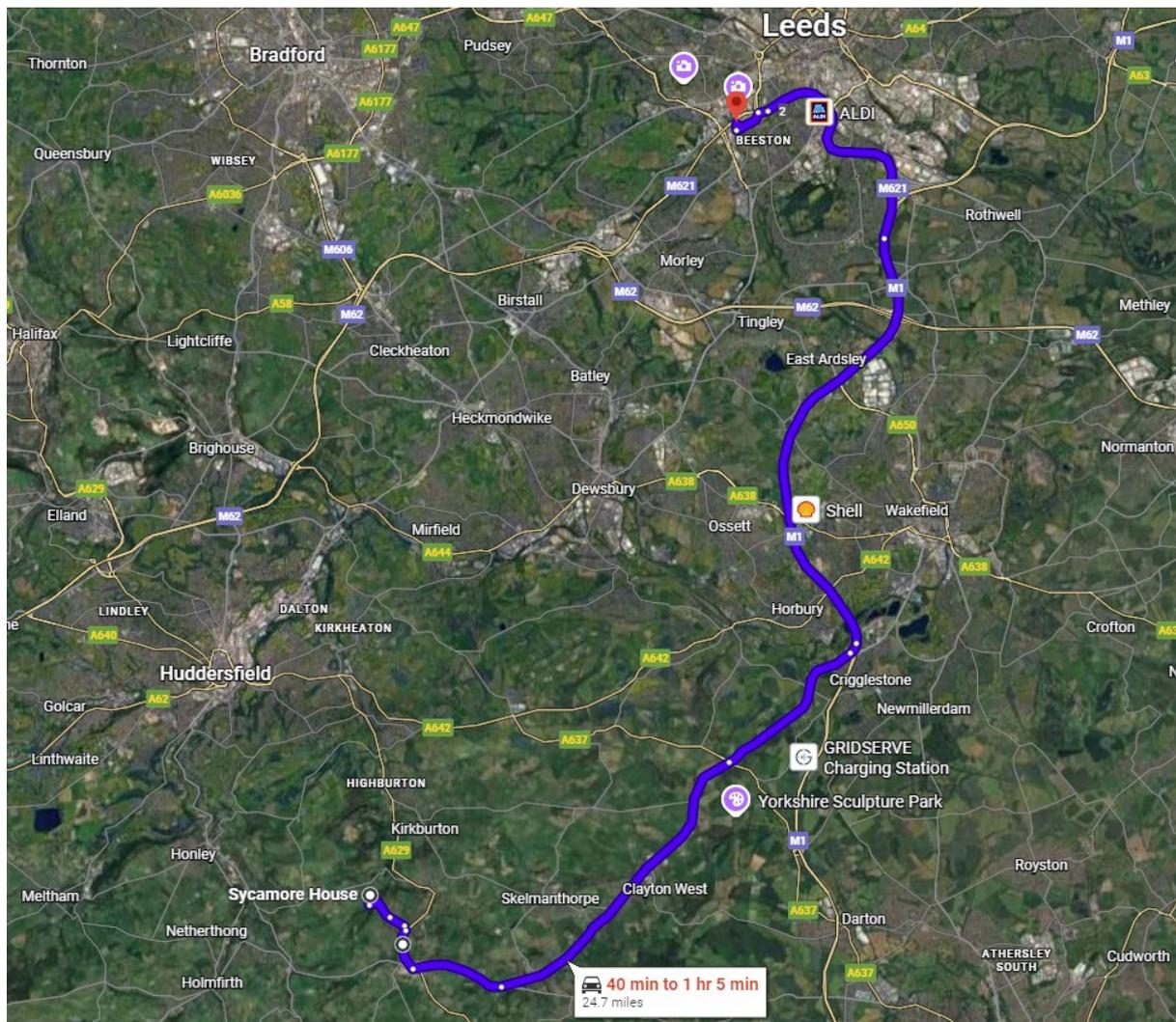


APPENDIX G - Google maps journey time / distance illustration

The following details provide sample information obtained from Google maps (which is provided for illustrative purposes only), to demonstrate potential journey times by car from the Appeal site in Stocksmoor to Elland Road Park and Ride site in Leeds.

Below shows the estimated journey time via Stone Wood Lane, then heading south along the A629 (towards the Sovereign garage junction), then travelling along the A636 route through Denby Dale that then leads to the M1 via junction 39. The departure time was set at 08:00am, with a future departure date of Wed. 17/12/25 (checked on 12/12/25). This check provides an estimated journey time of 40 min. to 1hr 5mins. and a distance of 24.7 miles, as can be seen on the google maps extract below.



The same checks (for same time/day) have then been undertaken using the alternative routes that appear to have been assumed in the Appellants H&T SoC report (CD 8.2] (See their Figure 11 extract below) for journeys to Leeds, which includes routes via Dam Hill (via Birks Lane) and then via the M1 (the 'Green route' in the H&T SoC), and via Thunderbridge Road (via Birks Lane) and then via the M62 (the 'Purple' route in the H&T SoC). As can be seen from the Google maps extract below, the 'Green route' provides an estimated journey time of 40min. to 1hr 10min. and a distance of 23.9 miles, and the 'Purple route' provides a journey time of 45min. to at least 1hr 15min. (as the shorter route via Batley is estimated to take even longer) and a distance of 20.2 miles.



Based on this illustrative journey time information, it is clear that not all commuter traffic heading toward Leeds would avoid using Stone Wood Lane (as has been assumed in the SoC H&T report), which is the quicker route based on these illustrative checks (which it is noted will vary on a daily basis, and by time of day etc).

It is also noted these illustrative sample of journey time/distance checks have assessed traffic routing to the Elland Road Park and Ride site, as this could be used for onward journeys to work in central Leeds. However, the Elland Road park and ride site is located to the west of Leeds City Centre, making it a longer (but quicker) route from Stocksmoor via the M1. In practice, commuters could utilise the Temple Green Park and Ride site at Stourton to the east of Leeds instead, which would show ever shorter journey times for the routes via the M1 (only 21 miles via Stone Wood Lane), when compared to the routes via the M62 that are unlikely to be attractive for commuters from Stocksmoor.

In conclusion, the Appellant's assumption in their H&T SoC that all Leeds bound traffic would avoid using Stone Wood Lane is not a robust assumption.

