Rotherham Council’s position regarding the proposed HS2 route

At the Council Meeting of Wednesday, 7th September, 2016 a motion regarding the proposed HS2 route was considered. The extract below is from the draft minutes published on the Council’s website:

51 NOTICE OF MOTION

PROPOSED HS2 ROUTE IN THE BOROUGH

Moved by Councillor John Turner and seconded by Councillor Mick Elliott:

That this Council notes:

- the apparent intent of the government to create the new HS2 railway system
- the present altered suggestion for the route to go through Aston and Bramley.

That this Council therefore resolves to

a) Oppose the intent to re-route HS2
b) Persuade the government to abolish the project entirely.

An amendment to the motion was proposed by Councillor Sue Ellis and seconded by Councillor Jenny Andrews to delete the words “persuade the government to abolish the project entirely” and replace with the words “work with our MPs and other likeminded councils to identify the most beneficial transport infrastructure for Rotherham and South Yorkshire.”

Upon being put to the vote, the amendment was carried and became the substantive motion, which read as follows:

That this Council resolves to

a) Oppose the intent to re-route HS2
b) Work with our MPs and other likeminded councils to identify the most beneficial transport infrastructure for Rotherham and South Yorkshire.

Upon being put to the vote, the motion was carried.

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