

**UCI Road World Championships 2019: Saturday 21 and Friday 27 September 2019  
PLAN AHEAD FOR ROAD CLOSURES**

From September 21-29 2019, Yorkshire will be hosting the UCI Road World Championships – one of the most prestigious cycling events in the world. The annual event, which is being held in the UK for the first time since 1982, will see a series of races taking place each day taking in routes across the county before they all finish in Harrogate which is the official host location for the event. Full information about the event can be found at <https://worlds.yorkshire.com/>

The event begins on Saturday 21 September with the Yorkshire 2019 Para-Cycling International Race, the first time a para-cycling race has been held as part of the world championships, with Wetherby being at the heart of the day's action. On Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September the Women's Junior Road Race also passes through the town on its way from Doncaster to Harrogate, while the Men's Under-23 Road Race also passes close to the Thorp Arch Estate that afternoon. I am writing to you to provide some details of these events as we want to help you plan for any interruption to your normal days with the following essential information.

On Saturday 21 September roads through Wetherby will be closed to all public vehicles for a period of time. This is to allow for preparation of the route, the event itself, removal of event infrastructure, and safe dispersal of spectators. Exact closure times by location can be seen on the map with this letter and also can be seen online at [www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel](http://www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel)

On Friday 27 September there will be much shorter road closures which will be managed on a rolling basis. Route and timings are as shown on the map with this letter. Advance signage will be in place along with information online at [www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel](http://www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel)

Revised public transport services will be running on both days, with diversions and limited parking in the town centre.

There is lots you can do to plan ahead for the road closures and minimise interruption to your normal day. Please make sure you:

- read the Frequently Asked Questions overleaf
- look at the online map for full details of road closures, at [www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel](http://www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel)
- check changes to public transport timetables closer to the event at [wymetro.com](http://wymetro.com)

I understand that the UCI Road World Championships may cause you some inconvenience, but be assured the council and event organisers are working very hard with many partner agencies to forward plan, minimise disruption, and ensure the city delivers another world-class event.

The global stature of this event means significant spectator numbers are expected in Wetherby to watch the races, while the worldwide television and media coverage will also further enhance the profile of Wetherby, Leeds and Yorkshire around the world, bringing benefits for years to come.

We hope you can support this event and help to ensure it is another memorable occasion for all to enjoy.

Yours faithfully



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## **UCI Road World Championships 2019 – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **What are the UCI Road World Championships 2019 ?**

Alongside the Tour de France which Leeds and Yorkshire hosted in 2014, the annual UCI Road World Championships is one of the most prestigious professional cycling events held each year. The world's best riders compete representing their countries in a range of races with the winners of each race being crowned world champions and winning the coveted rainbow jersey. The official host location for this year's event is Harrogate, with races starting or travelling through all parts of Yorkshire before finishing in Harrogate. Host locations of the championships in previous years include Madrid, Copenhagen, Florence and Innsbruck.

### **When is the UCI Road World Championships 2019 ?**

The UCI Road World Championships take place from Saturday 21 September to Sunday 29 September 2019. The event begins with the Yorkshire 2019 Para-Cycling International on Saturday 21 September before a series of team and individual events follow before the final event, the men's road race, which starts in Leeds city centre on Sunday 29 September.

### **Where will the UCI Road World Championships 2019 take place?**

The races follow routes taking in all parts of the county of Yorkshire, either as starting locations or along race routes before every race finishes in Harrogate.

### **How can I/my customers access my business?**

Full pedestrian access will be available, however access on or across race routes by car will not be possible. Further information on road closure times can be seen on the map in his letter, or online at [www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel](http://www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel)

### **I/my customers park outside on the public road. Will they still be able to do this on the day?**

No – please find an alternative location to park, or walk if you can – and advise your customers to do the same. Cars parked on roads on the race routes may be towed away.

### **Will there be any bus route diversions/cancellations and alternative arrangements?**

Yes, revised bus operations will be publicised ahead of the event on the Metro website: [wymetro.com](http://wymetro.com)

### **How can I plan ahead?**

- Make sure you, your employees and your customers are aware of road closures
- Make alternative arrangements to park your vehicle off the route
- Allow more time if you are planning on travelling in the area on Saturday 21 September or Friday 27 September
- If you are able to, walk instead of driving to work, and encourage your employees to do the same
- Make sure deliveries are arranged for times outside the road closure times
- Consider opening earlier or later if your business could benefit from the numbers of expected spectators

### **Where can I find out more information?**

- Find out more and see the route in more detail at <https://worlds.yorkshire.com/>
- If you still have further questions about how road closures will affect you, please call 0113 222 4444 or email [community@yorkshire2019.co.uk](mailto:community@yorkshire2019.co.uk)

This information can also be made available in large print, Braille, on audio CD or tape. If you need this information in another language, please telephone 0113 222 4444.