

**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. 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, with Wetherby being at the heart of the day's action. On Friday 27th 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 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

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

Full pedestrian access will be available, but if you need to use your car you will need to move it before the road closes. If you usually park your car on the street, you will need to move it to an alternative location that is not on the route. Please note that cars parked on roads on the route may be towed away on the day.

Revised public transport services will be running, 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
- check changes to public transport timetables closer to the event at 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.

Are the roads going to be closed for walkers and cyclists?

Pedestrian access will be available throughout, while cyclists will not be able to use race routes while the races are passing. Access by car will not be possible. Further information on road closure times can be seen on the map with this letter, or online at www.yorkshire2019.co.uk/travel

If the person I care for has daily visits from care workers. How will they be able to get to and from each house?

We are working with emergency services, health and social care (including community meals and home care), GP surgeries and many other agencies to ensure that if you are in need of or receive help you will still receive the care and support you require. This may mean that usual visit times and patterns may be altered, but you will be notified by your provider nearer the time regarding any changes that may affect you. If you have any concerns, please contact your health or social care provider directly. Blue light routes for emergency vehicles will be kept open at all times. We are also working closely with the Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and Yorkshire Ambulance Service to minimise disruption.

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

How can I plan ahead?

- Be aware of road closures and changes to public transport
- Make alternative arrangements to park your vehicle off the route
- Allow more time if you are travelling
- Do the weekly shop or any other activity requiring use of a vehicle on a different day
- If you are expecting visitors/guests, inform them about road closures and travel information

Where can I find out more information?

- Find out more and see the routes 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

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.