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The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP

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Dear Mr Paterson

WOORE CONSTRUCTION IMPACTS

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Thank you for your letters dated 1 through 5 September (received by us on 14 September) regarding your Constituents' concerns on HS2 construction traffic travelling along the A51 and A525 through Woore. Please find enclosed a copy of my letter dated 12 September which addresses the majority of the points raised by your Constituents. The additional points raised are therefore dealt with below.

First of all, new concerns were raised surrounding the impact on the ability to sell property in the area. We confirm that any of your Constituents who have a need to sell their property but have been unable to do so – other than at a substantially reduced price – as a direct result of the HS2 announcement, can apply for our Need to Sell scheme (NTS). Upon a successful application, the Government will purchase the property for 100% of the un-blighted open market value. Should any of your Constituents have any further questions on the NTS scheme, they can find information on the Gov.uk website or they can contact our enquiries team at hs2enquiries@Hs2.org.uk or on 020 7944 4908.

Secondly, as I am sure you are aware, HS2 Ltd is an executive non-departmental public body which was established by the Labour government in 2009 to develop and deliver the HS2 programme. The company is responsible for promotion, engagement and communication to those with an interest in the project. We assure you that we work hard to make sure that we consult and engage with all communities that are potentially affected by HS2. We first met with Woore Parish Council on 14 November 2016 and with Shropshire County Council on 28 April 2017. However, local elections in May 2017 and the general election in June 2017 did result in a delay in our ability to discuss proposals further due to election purdah rules preventing us from conversing on the intentions of the Government regarding HS2.

Finally, we wish to reiterate that all the alternative route proposals and concerns submitted by the community during the consultation of the proposals within the Phase 2a Bill will be carefully reviewed and considered. As such, we encourage the community to submit all comments and alternative route options through the Gov.UK website before the end of the consultation period on 30 September 2017.

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We also wish to encourage the community to discuss any concerns with Woore Parish Council. Our community engagement team is working closely with the Parish Council to provide information to the community and answer any concerns they have so that we can seek to mitigate these. Our team will also continue to meet with individual residents providing a knowledgeable and professional point of contact for the community.

Yours sincerely

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