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27th November 2017

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Cllr. Blake".

Thank you for your letter today, which was received via email. I am grateful to you for writing to me about HS2.

I wrote to Chris Grayling, the Secretary of State for Transport, on 18th October after my meetings with him on 17th October and 12th September.

I asked the Transport Secretary to continue to consider seriously extending the Whitmore tunnel to obviate the necessity to bring over 500 trucks through Woore. I fully support Bill Cash's campaign and I believe that this provides a solution. I also asked that he would continue to keep me updated more broadly on the progress of HS2. I have a meeting Mr Grayling again tomorrow and my priority is to find out what progress the Department for Transport has made since we last spoke.

In this instance, I have forwarded a copy of your letter to the Leader of Shropshire Council to ask for his comments. I shall write again when I have received a response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Owen Paterson".

The Rt Hon Owen Paterson MP