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Dear Mr Morris

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE:  
PETITION HS2-HOL-013 – WOORE PARISH COUNCIL**

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Director of Hybrid Bill Delivery at HS2 Ltd, which is acting on behalf of the Promoter of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Bill ('the Bill') currently before Parliament.

The Promoter's Response Document (PRD) to your petition against the Bill in the House of Lords was sent to you on 3 October 2019. On 21 October 2019 we wrote to you setting out the Promoter's position in relation to the issues raised in your petition and the measures identified to address your concerns. We wrote again on 13 March 2020 providing an update in relation to those issues raised in your petition where further progress had been made.

This letter provides a further update. It includes reference to the statement made by the House of Lords Select Committee on 29 July 2020 about their approach to hearing petitions seeking changes to the Bill that would otherwise require an Additional Provision. This is relevant to your petition as the two alternative routes you have proposed in your petition would both require an Additional Provision to deliver.

*Construction traffic*

I refer you to the Promoter's response to paragraphs 2.1 - 2.2.3, 2.6.1 - 2.6.2, 2.6.4 - 2.6.7, 2.6.9 - 2.6.10 & 2.7 - 2.7.5 of your petition and the additional information provided in our letter of 21 October 2019.

As you know, the Additional Provision 2 (AP2) revised scheme deposited in the House of Commons in February 2019 resulted in substantial reductions to proposed HS2 construction traffic in Woore compared to the original scheme design.

Design refinements made as part of the AP2 revised scheme, including the routing of more construction traffic via site haul routes, mean that the percentage increase in all vehicle traffic at peak times as a result of the Proposed Scheme is 10% or less on the A525 and the A51 in all directions.

Overall levels of proposed HS2 construction traffic have reduced by approximately 33% on the A51 through Woore and reduced by approximately 50% at peak periods.

### *Request to route construction traffic away from Woore*

In your petition you propose alternative ways in which construction traffic could be routed or reduced to avoid the use of the A51 and A525 roads in Woore village. You ask specifically that traffic be routed through Keele services or via Manor Road at Baldwin's Gate.

The PRDs issued for your petitions against the Bill in both the House of Commons<sup>1</sup> and the House of Lords (attached to this letter as Appendix A) set out the reasons why these proposals are not considered to be viable. Furthermore, both these proposals would require an Additional Provision to deliver.

I understand that David Walker of Winckworth Sherwood has written to you to bring to your attention the statement made by the House of Lords Select Committee on 29 July 2020 about their approach to hearing petitions seeking changes to the Bill that would otherwise require an Additional Provision to deliver. The statement explained that the Phase 2a House of Lords Select Committee intend to follow the decision made by the Phase 1 House of Lords Select Committee and therefore would not hear evidence and submissions in support of an application for an Additional Provision that has not been considered by the Phase 2a House of Commons Select Committee.

### *Requests in the event construction traffic is still routed through Woore village*

We are committed to providing a range of road safety and traffic calming measures in Woore village subject to the approval of Shropshire Council as the local highway authority.

These measures were encapsulated in a detailed report entitled "Traffic Calming and Road Safety Provisions Options – Woore Village Report" issued in January 2019 and a further report entitled "HS2 Traffic Calming Study at Woore Village – Additional Options" issued in February 2020.

We have coordinated regular discussions with both the Parish Council and Shropshire Council in order to reach agreement on these and other measures you have proposed. We have also offered to assist you in asking the local community for their views.

As you know, following a meeting on 27 February 2020 it was agreed that the Parish Council would endeavour to reach consensus on the measures it wished to see implemented, in order for discussions to progress.

On 13 March 2020, to underline our commitment to reaching a positive outcome, we offered assurances (attached to this letter as Appendix B) that we would continue to engage with both the Parish Council and Shropshire Council in order to reach an agreement on a suitable package of measures. If agreement cannot be reached, Design Package B as detailed in the report entitled "Traffic Calming and Road Safety Provisions Options – Woore Village Report" issued in January 2019 would be implemented subject to the approval of the local highway authority. A summary of those measures was provided in our letter.

Subsequently, we have offered to take part in a further meeting to review progress on the measures currently under consideration. We are currently awaiting updated information from you and a response to this offer.

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<sup>1</sup> [HS2 Phase 2a Promoters Response Document to Woore Parish Council petition to House of Commons Select Committee](#)

If you have any further queries please contact Jeremy Croxall, Area Petition Advisor on 0121 720 5147 or [Jeremy.Croxall@hs2.org.uk](mailto:Jeremy.Croxall@hs2.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Knight', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**Simon Knight**

Director, Hybrid Bill Delivery  
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Attachments:

Appendix A: Promoter's Response Document (PRD) for the Parish Council's petition against the Bill in the House of Lords (October 2019)

Appendix B: Letter sent to Woore Parish Council on 13 March 2020