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Dear Rt Hon Helen Morgan MP

Re: Woore Parish, Shropshire - HS2 mitigations and interventions

On behalf of Woore Parish Council I wish to congratulate you on your recent appointment as Member of Parliament for North Shropshire.

During your campaign, you may have received comments/concerns regarding the impact that HS2 and the proposed route of HGV's/LGV's through the Parish of Woore will have on residents and businesses alike over the next 7-10 years. The number of HGV's using the designated construction traffic route through the Parish could well exceed over 200,000 movements in this period.

Woore is the only Parish in Shropshire that HS2 will impact in this way and the Parish Council has fought tirelessly for alternative routes to be considered since 2017, petitioning both the House of Commons/House of Lords Select Committees and engaging in ongoing negotiations with HS2 and Shropshire Council for mitigations/interventions; some of which we are pleased to advise have been granted.

There remain however, several outstanding issues in relation to HS2 Ltd and Shropshire Council, with which your predecessor had supported the Parish Council by way of attendance at meetings and involvement in mitigations/intervention discussions aimed at protecting the health, safety and wellbeing of residents and businesses of the Parish.

It is appreciated that you will still be 'finding your feet' in a demanding role and a detailed background would take several pages of correspondence. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated if in the very near future you would accept an invitation from the Parish Council to visit Woore Parish and meet with the Woore Parish Council HS2 Working Party to be provided a full update.

In closing, the Parish Council and residents of Woore welcome your support with the ongoing efforts to protect the Parish and look forward to hearing from you on proposed date(s) at your earliest convenience, in order for a suitable venue to be organised for the meeting.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Michael Cowey
Chairman
Woore Parish Council