



## **Joint HS2 Update from Woore Parish Council and Woore Parish Action Group**

### **A Current situation**

This newsletter brings an update to the current situation related to HS2 and the plans to drive construction traffic through the Parish of Woore, affecting all seven communities<sup>1</sup> within the Parish boundary over many years – currently estimated as 258 (at peak) 200 daily over 7 to 10 years.

### **B On Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2020, Woore Parish Council (WPC) presented a Petition to the House of Lords (HoL) Select Committee on behalf of Parish residents.**

This was an important milestone in our efforts to stop HS2 using the A51 and A525 as main routes to carry construction HGVs and other traffic required to support the building of the HS2 railway.

Presenting the Petition was the final formal route to convince and persuade HS2 to use one of the alternative routes the WPC have identified as viable alternatives.

We have to report that HS2 appear intent on using this route and once again, championed the preferred HS2 route using the A51/A525.

A copy of the Petition submitted to the House of Lords is already displayed on the Parish website, along with all the correspondence related to efforts to stop

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<sup>1</sup> Woore, Pipe Gate, Gravenhunger, Dorrington, Irelands Cross, Bearstone and Onneley (to the border with Staffordshire)

this invasion of our community and in particular, efforts to influence decision makers.

We are now waiting for the final written report from the HoL Petition hearing and the document will be posted on the Parish Council website as soon as it is received.

You can watch the House of Lords Petition hearing on-line from the link below.

<https://www.parliamentlive.tv/Event/Index/f370cc45-3a85-4914-83d7-ddf32f9513d0>

## **C      Going forward**

There are a number of actions to mitigate the impact of the increased traffic on our community currently being explored with HS2 and latterly, Shropshire Council.

Headlines include;

Discussion and interventions to improve road traffic safety measures

- outside our school
- access and exit from Woore Country Stores
- footpaths through the village
- crossing points
- Reduced Speed Limits through the Parish

Changes to road layout

- widening measures at the junction of A51 and A525 at The Square
- passing places on the A525 from the edge of Woore boundary towards Onneley
- re-siting of the school bus stop from the A525 further down the A51 to accommodate school buses safely

Compensation schemes for businesses affected by excess traffic flows

- Information and Access criteria

Need to sell scheme

- Information and eligibility criteria

**Date October 2020**