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Dear Mrs Coen

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE:

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. I understand that the petitioners you are representing (Mr J R Davies also on behalf of Miss M J Davies, Mr David Hollinshead on behalf of Mr Frank Hollinshead, and the successors in the will of Frank Hollinshead Esq (deceased)) have a number of concerns about the impact of Phase 2A of HS2 (known as ‘the Proposed Scheme’) and have submitted a petition on that basis against the Additional Provision to the Bill in the House of Commons.

Following the submission of your exhibits and recent discussions (including the meeting with my colleagues on 29 June at Larch Avenue), I am writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to offer your relatives the following assurances. These assurances follow the requests made during the meeting on 29 June:

“In these assurances:

“the Additional Provision” means the additional provision to the Bill as deposited in the House of Commons in March 2018;

“the Bill” means the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as deposited in the House of Commons on 17 July 2017;

“the ES” means the environmental statement deposited with the Bill;

“nominated undertaker” refers to the body or bodies appointed by the Secretary of State to exercise the powers conferred by the Bill to construct and maintain the Proposed Scheme. The nominated undertaker may be HS2 Ltd, or it may be another body or bodies appointed to oversee the construction and operation of the Proposed Scheme;

“Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Transport;
“the SES and AP ES” means High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Supplementary Environmental Statement and Additional Provision Environmental Statement published alongside the Additional Provision;

“Proposed Scheme” means Phase 2a of HS2 as defined further in the Bill;

1. Larch Avenue

1.1. The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker not to use Larch Avenue (Basford, Crewe) for HS2 construction traffic during the construction of the Proposed Scheme.

2. Liaison with local authorities

2.1. The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to liaise with relevant local authorities (including Cheshire East Council and the Wybunbury Ward Combined Parishes) with a view to determining appropriate hoarding and visually amenable acoustic and visual mitigation around the Basford Cutting Transfer Node, Basford Cutting Batching Plant and Basford Cutting Main Compound.

2.2. Any hoarding or acoustic and visual mitigation of the kind in paragraph 2.1. will not be considered or implemented if it:

   2.2.1. impacts the safe, timely and/or economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme;
   2.2.2. contradicts any approval required for the Proposed Scheme under Schedule 17 to the Bill;
   2.2.3. creates any new or significant effects than those identified in the ES and;
   2.2.4. does not meet the appropriate standards for managing public money.

3. Footpath Basford 11

3.1. The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker not to dig up Footpath Basford 11 shown on Replacement Sheet No. 1-62 of the plans deposited with the Additional Provision, nor the hedgerows and trees directly alongside it, whilst carrying out work AP-005-121 (to temporarily divert a water main to supply the construction compounds) as shown on map CT-05-239 in Volume 2 of the SES and AP ES.”

If accepted, these assurances will be included in a Register of Undertakings and Assurances, which is held by the Department for Transport. Drafts of the Register will be published regularly during the passage of the Bill and it will be finalised after Royal Assent. A nominated undertaker will be contractually obliged to comply with all relevant undertakings and assurances set out in the Register.

Further information on how the Secretary of State will ensure compliance with assurances made by HS2 Ltd is set out in HS2 Phase 2A Information Paper B5: Compliance with Undertakings and Assurances1.

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1 A copy can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-information-papers
It is hoped that these assurances will go some way towards addressing some of your relatives’ key concerns. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Maya Williams-Orme, Senior Property Acquisition Manager, on maya.williams-orme@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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