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Dear Mr Bedson

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000026 – MR EDWARD NIELD

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 your client has 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 Bill in the House of Commons.

On the back of writing to you regarding your client on 28 May and 21 June 2018 to bring to their attention a number of NFU assurances, I write to you today to offer your client an additional bespoke assurance regarding compulsory acquisition as below. I hope that this additional assurance provides the required reassurance in advance of your client’s scheduled Select Committee appearance tomorrow, 4 July:

“In this assurance

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

“the Blue Land” means the land shown edged blue on the attached plan;

“Environmental Statement” means the environmental statement prepared for the Proposed Scheme and deposited at Parliament 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;

“Petitioner” means Mr Edward Nield:

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

“Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Transport;
“works” means the construction within Bill limits of accommodation works, landscaping and other mitigation works, drainage works and the construction of balancing ponds, embankments, bunds and made-up ground required for Phase 2A purposes.

1. The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to reduce the area of landscape mitigation planting by excluding the use of the Blue Land as shown on the attached plan for that purpose in the interests of facilitating the efficient management of the Petitioner’s agricultural holding following the completion of construction of the works.

2. This assurance is subject to the condition that the proposed reduction in the landscape mitigation planting referred to in paragraph 1:

   (i) does not create in any new or different environmental effects than those assessed in the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill;

   (ii) does not prejudice the safe, timely and economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme; and

   (iii) receives approval from the local planning authority under paragraph 9 of Schedule 17 to the Bill.”

If accepted, this assurance will be included in the Undertakings and Assurances 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 Assurances.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact Maya Williams-Orme, Senior Property Acquisition Manager on 0207 944 3920 and maya.williams-orme@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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2 A copy can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-informationpapers