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Dear Mr Bedson,

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000051 – RICHARD WEAVER & RICHARD WEAVER FARMS LTD, NORTH PIREFIELD FARM

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.

I am writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to offer your client the following assurance:

“Additional Provision” means an additional provision to the Bill;

“Balancing Ponds” means the balancing ponds proposed for installation on the Property pursuant to the Bill;

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

“Blue Land” means land shown for identification purposes only shaded blue and labelled ‘Blue Land’ on the attached Plan 1;

“Bridleway Gate” means a gate appropriate for installation on a bridleway;

“Compensation Code” means the code of statute and case law determining the compensation to be paid to landowners and occupiers where land or rights in land are authorised to be compulsorily acquired under the Bill;

“Green Land” means land shown for identification purposes only shaded green and labelled ‘Green Land’ on the attached Plan 2;
“Location P10” means the location on the Byway Open to All Traffic 63 (BOAT 63) shown for identification purposes only by a red circle on Plan [4];

“the Petitioners” means Richard Weaver being the freehold owner of the Property;

“Plan 1” means the attached plan bearing reference ‘C861-ARP-EV-DPL-000-056320 Rev P03’;

“Plan 2” means the attached plan bearing reference ‘C861-ARP-EV-DPL-000-056221 Rev P05’;

“Plan 3” means the attached plan bearing reference ‘P2A-HS2-HY-MAP-A000-000139’;

“Plan 4” means the attached plan bearing reference ‘C861-ARP-HY-DPL-000-120021 Rev HB01’

“Promoter” means the Secretary of State (or any successor Secretary of State or Minister holding the transport portfolio) and includes so far as relevant any nominated undertaker exercising any powers or functions under the Bill once enacted;

“Property” means North Pirehill Farm, Pirehill Lane, Stone, ST15 0BU as shown edged red on Plan 3;

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

“Trackway” means the trackway shaded pink on Plan 2 located at Point 5 as shown on the Petitioner’s select committee exhibit A209(6);

“Woodland Habitat Creation” means the woodland creation proposed by the Bill to be created within the Blue Land;

Ecological Mitigation

1.1 The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to use reasonable endeavours to modify the design of the proposed ecological mitigation to be provided pursuant to the Bill in the Blue Land for the purposes of facilitating the efficient management of the Petitioner’s agricultural holding within the Property following the completion of construction of the Works.

1.2 The assurance in paragraph 1.1 is subject to:

1.2.1 the nominated undertaker being satisfied that part of the Woodland Habitat Creation can be delivered at the Green Land in lieu of the Blue Land without giving rise to any new or different significant environmental effects from those assessed in the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill;

1.2.2 the Petitioner entering into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the Secretary of State which provides for the construction and ongoing maintenance of the Woodland Habitat Creation to be provided on the Green Land, subject to a management and maintenance agreement between the Petitioner and the Secretary of State;

1.2.3 the Secretary of State being satisfied that the Petitioner is an appropriate person, having regard to the nature and objectives of the Woodland Habitat Creation required to be provided, to be responsible for securing the maintenance of the Woodland Habitat Creation;
1.2.4 the Green Land not being subject to any third party rights of any description which would prejudice the construction, maintenance or the objectives of the Woodland Habitat Creation required to be provided on the Green Land; and

1.2.5 all consent and approvals required from the local planning authority and third parties necessary for constructing and maintaining the woodland habitat creation on the Green Land.

Bridleway

1.3 Subject to the receipt of all necessary consents and approvals (including local highway authority approvals) and the implementation of the Proposed Scheme the Promoter will install the Bridleway Gate at Location P10 provided that such installation would not contravene any law or any third party rights.

Balancing Ponds

1.4 Prior to the completion of the detailed design of the Balancing Ponds, the Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to consult the Petitioner regarding the detailed design of the Balancing Ponds.

1.5 The nominated undertaker shall have regard to the responses received to the consultation undertaken under paragraph 1.4 and in so far as reasonably practicable, after taking into account all other relevant factors, including other relevant Undertakings and Assurances, associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation of those works and other ecological or other mitigation, seek to accommodate reasonable proposals from the Petitioner to modify the detailed design of the Balancing Ponds or provision of other ecological mitigation for the purposes of facilitating the efficient management of the Property following the completion of construction of the Balancing Ponds.

1.6 Nothing in this assurance shall require any modification to the Balancing Ponds which gives rise to any significant impact on the environment which has not been addressed in the Environmental Statement for the Proposed Scheme but that does not preclude consideration being given to any proposals for such modifications.

Trackway

1.7 The Promoter will use reasonable endeavours to position the Trackway closer to the trace of the railway provided that any such adjustment would not:

1.7.1 require any modification to the Trackway which would give rise to any new or different significant environmental effects from those assessed in the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill but that does not preclude consideration being given to any proposals for such modifications; and

1.7.2 impact on the safe, timely or economic delivery or operation of the Proposed Scheme.
Provision of Conduits

1.8 Where existing services on the Property would be severed as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme the Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker, prior to the completion of the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme, to consult with the Petitioner to seek to use reasonable endeavours to provide replacement conduits necessary for the Petitioner's efficient management of the Property as a farm enterprise.

In these assurances, “the nominated undertaker” refers to the body or bodies appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the powers conferred under the Bill to construct and maintain the scheme. The nominated undertaker may be HS2 Ltd, or it may be another body or bodies appointed to oversee the construction and operation of Phase 2A.

If accepted, the assurances set out above will be included in the 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 Assurances 1.

I hope that the information set out above in relation to the issues raised in your client’s petition to the House of Commons gives your client the comfort required in order to withdraw their petition.

Petitions may be withdrawn by sending an email or letter to the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons informing the Clerk to the Select Committee that you wish to withdraw your petition 2.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact Simon Pearce, Head of Operations - Acquisitions, Property Acquisitions, on 020 7944 6290 and simon.pearce@HS2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

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

2 Contact details can be found on the Select Committee website at http://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-bill-select-committee-commons/contact-us-17-19/
The 'Blue Land'