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Dear Mr Bedson

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE:
PETITION HS2-P2A-000065 – MR RICHARD AND MRS JULIE WILLIAMS – PARK FARM, WESTON ROAD,
STAFFORD, ST18 0BD

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 clients 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 Bill in
the House of Commons.

Following recent discussions, I am writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to
offer your clients the following assurances:

“In these assurances:

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

"Environmental Statement" means the environmental statement prepared for the Proposed
Scheme and deposited at Parliament with the Bill;

“the 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;

“the Petitioner” means Mr Richard and Mrs Julie Williams of Park Farm, Weston Road, Stafford,
ST18 0BD;

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

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Transport; and

“the Works” means the construction within the 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 Proposed Scheme.
1. **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 in the land edged red on plan 1 accompanying this assurance for the purposes of facilitating the efficient management of the Petitioner's agricultural holding following the completion of construction of the Works.

2. **Reduction in the land take for balancing pond**

2.1. The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker in carry out the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme to use reasonable endeavours to reduce the land take for the balancing pond identified in blue shading on plan 1 accompanying this assurance.

2.2. The assurance in 2.1 is subject to:

2.2.1. the Bill conferring all necessary powers and consents required in order to deliver the drainage requirements for the Proposed Scheme at any alternative site;

2.2.2. that any alternative site will not create any new or different environmental effects than those assessed in the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill;

2.2.3. that the balancing pond can be relocated without prejudicing the safety, timely and economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme.

3. **Woodland habitat creation – habitat connectivity**

In this assurance:

“the Orange Land” means the land coloured orange on Plan 2, being land within the Petitioner's ownership which has been identified within the Bill for the purposes of woodland habitat creation;

“the Green Land” means the land coloured green on Plan 2, being land within the Petitioner's ownership which has been identified to introduce an area of hedgerow habitat creation; and

“the Pink Land” means the land coloured red on Plan 2, being land within the Petitioner's ownership, which has been identified to introduce an area of woodland habitat creation;

3.1. The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker, subject to the conditions in paragraph 3.2, to remove the width of woodland habitat creation proposed to be located within the Orange Land, and shown indicatively in orange on Plan 2, and introduce an area of hedgerow habitat creation proposed to be located within the Green Land, and shown indicatively in green on Plan 2.

3.2. The assurance in paragraph 3.1 is subject to:-

3.2.1. the nominated undertaker being satisfied that the woodland habitat creation can be delivered at the Pink Land without giving rise to any new or different significant
environmental effects from those assessed in the Environmental Statement deposited with the Bill;

3.2.2. the Petitioner entering into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the Secretary of State which provides for the construction and maintenance of the woodland habitat creation to be provided on the Pink Land, subject to a management and maintenance agreement with the Petitioner and the Secretary of State;

3.2.3. 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;

3.2.4. the Pink 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 Pink Land; and

3.2.5. all necessary approvals required from the local planning authority for constructing and maintaining the woodland habitat creation on the Pink Land;

4. Woodland habitat creation – habitat creation

4.1. In carrying out the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme, the Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to engage with the Petitioner over the variety of trees planted in the land shaded orange on plan 3 and use reasonable endeavours to reduce overshadowing of the Petitioners' residential properties, provided that the planting in this area achieves the environmental objectives of the proposed mitigation.

5. Provision of conduits

5.1. 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 provide, where reasonably practicable, replacement conduits necessary for the efficient management of the Petitioner's Property as a farm enterprise.

6. Drainage

6.1. The nominated undertaker will identify with the Petitioner existing drainage arrangements on the holding. This will include the carrying out, where reasonable, of inspections of the site and of any existing plans.

6.2. The location of drains cut or disturbed by the construction works will be recorded by the nominated undertaker.

6.3. The nominated undertaker will utilise appropriate drainage consultants to advise on drainage works and will engage with the farmer in respect of the pre and post drainage schemes that are required. The nominated undertaker will use reasonable endeavours to engage drainage consultants with working knowledge of the local conditions.

6.4. Prior to the commencement of significant construction works, land drains affected by the HS2 works will, where practicable, be intercepted in a manner which maintains their
efficiency. Work will be carried out to an appropriate specification after discussion with the Petitioner which may include the design (e.g. layout, falls, pipe sizes and types, outfall arrangements) and timing of any land drainage works required.

6.5. As-built plans of modifications to existing land drainage and of any new drainage works will be provided to the Petitioner by the nominated undertaker.

6.6. Where natural drainage patterns are adversely affected by the HS2 works, the provision of supplementary drainage or irrigation works will be considered having regard to an assessment of compensation and the commercial justification by the Petitioner.”

If accepted, the assurances set out in this letter 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.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact Richard W Smith, Property Acquisition Manager, on 020 7944 6486 and richardw.smith@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

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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](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-information-papers)