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Dear Mr Geffen

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000103 – CYCLING UK

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 you 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.

The nominated undertaker will continue to take cycling provision into account in the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme, and will engage with Cycling UK and other representative bodies as part of this. In particular, during the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme, further consideration will be given to the surfacing and gradients of known cycling routes.

I understand that you have been in constructive dialogue with my team over a number of weeks with a view to trying to resolve your key concerns. Further to those discussions I am now writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to offer you a number of assurances:

“In these assurances:

“Additional Provision” means an amendment to the Bill, and any requisite supplementary environmental information, which confers on the Secretary of State additional land and/or works powers;

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

“Cycle Proofing Working Group” means a body that advises the Department for Transport, public bodies, government departments and devolved agencies on cycle proofing policy in accordance with its terms of reference dated March 2015 (as amended from time to time);

“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;

“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. **Engagement with Cycle Proofing Working Group**

   The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to:

   a. engage with Cycle Proofing Working Group during the detailed design stage of the Proposed Scheme. Such engagement will include, but not be limited to consideration of:

   - the potential to provide cycling access along the broad corridor of the route of the Proposed Scheme
   - the potential for cycle proofing of highways to be constructed or altered as part of the Proposed Scheme, particularly with regards to surfacing and gradients

2. **Cycling Standards and Guidance**

   The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to:

   a. have due regard to the principles of the relevant up-to-date cycling standards and guidance
   b. use reasonable endeavours to design and implement temporary traffic management arrangements in accordance with the standards set out in the HS2 Phase 1/2a Route-wide Traffic Management Plan, which includes consideration of "Cyclists at Roadworks"

3. **Footpath Swynnerton 27 Replacement Sheet No 1-41**

   The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to construct that part of Work No. 72 shown coloured purple on plan 1 attached to this assurance to a standard that would enable it to be used as a bridleway in the future if required.

   For the avoidance of doubt:
a. the nominated undertaker shall not be responsible for any consents required to re-designate the footpath along the access road or any part of it as a bridleway;

b. nothing in this assurance shall require the nominated undertaker to alter the existing bridge over the M6 motorway (including its parapets).

4. **Footpath Tixall 0.1630 (b) Replacement Sheet No 1-28**

The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to

a. construct that part of Work No. 49 shown coloured purple on plan 2 attached to this assurance to a standard that would enable it to be used as a bridleway if required in the future; and

b. reduce the gradient along the route between points P3, Work No 49A, P1, Work No 49 (part) and point P2 shown on plan 2 to a gradient of 5% or less.

For the avoidance of doubt, the nominated undertaker shall not be responsible for any consents required to change the designation of the footpath constructed to a bridleway standard in the above assurance as a bridleway.

5. **Bridleway over Work No. 53 in Hopton and Coton - Replacement Sheet No 1-31**

Subject to a successful promotion of an Additional Provision, the Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to construct a new bridleway and bridleway bridge along the route between points P6, P7, Work No. 53 and point P8 shown coloured purple on plan 3 attached to this assurance.

The above assurances are subject to the following conditions:

a. where relevant, approvals of the planning authority under Schedule 17 to the Bill;

b. that none of the works associated with the above assurances
   - result in creating any new or different environmental effects than those reported in the Environmental Statement; or any supplementary environmental statement
   - prejudice the safe, timely and economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme

The Secretary of State will not object to any re-designations of public rights of way sought in relation to Assurances 3 and 4 above.

6. **Financial contribution**

The Secretary of State shall pay to Cycling UK up to and not exceeding the amount of £15,000 for the obtaining by Cycling UK the re-designations referred to in these assurances.

The payment mentioned above is subject to:

- the Bill receiving Royal Assent; and
- Cycling UK providing evidence to the Secretary of State of any application for the designations referred to in these assurances.”
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 Assurances1.

Cycle safety measures around temporary works

On 4 July a draft copy of the Route-wide Traffic Management Plan was shared with Cycling UK and Phil Jones of Phil Jones Associates. This Plan sets out the nominated undertaker’s approach to safety measures around temporary works.

The draft states that when designing temporary traffic management, the TfL guidance “Cyclists at Roadworks” shall be considered, where practicable and reasonable. In addition, this approach includes requirements that:

- Where reasonably practicable, existing pedestrian, cycle and public transport links between communities and their local facilities, amenities and countryside will be maintained.

- Principal contractors identify and promote activities within local communities, such as schools, workplaces and community groups or forums with regard to road safety, appropriate for the audience.

- Temporary traffic management be designed and installed by the contractor in accordance with to the current Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions Order, “Safety at Street Works and Road Works - A Code of Practice” and Chapter 8 of the Traffic Signs Manual and take into account the requirements of vulnerable road users including cyclists as appropriate to the local circumstance.

- Drawings which require the unavoidable diversion or deviation of pedestrians and/or cyclists must indicate routes and signage to be provided to indicate re-routed or divert pedestrian/cycle paths. Where necessary, temporary crossing points must be provided, including physical measures to provide refuges/keep left signs. Temporary ramps may be deployed for temporary situations, subject to drainage requirements and cycle safety.

- Where sharp bends in pedestrian diversions are unavoidable, “trixi” mirrors are to be installed as well as “cyclists dismount” signs, where appropriate to do so.

- The design and use of hoardings will consider the safety of cyclists, to avoid “canyon” effects and lack of space for cyclists to take avoiding action.

- Pedestrian barriers should not be located close to junctions, as they may create similar canyon effects and could result in left turn vehicles side-swiping cyclists.

I hope that the assurances and the information set out above in relation to the issues raised in your petition to the House of Commons gives you the comfort required in order to withdraw your petition.

1 A copy can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-information-papers
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. If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Kate Lawton, Petition Manager on 020 7944 0790 and Kate.Lawton@HS2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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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/