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17 July 2018

Dear Jane

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000131: NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE BRIDLEWAY ASSOCIATION

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.

Engagement

At the meeting held with my colleagues on 9 July 2018, you expressed your gratitude for the work we have done in relation to considering previous requests raised by North Staffordshire Bridleways Association, particularly during the consultation period prior to the deposit of the Bill. You asked to be kept informed of future developments in relation to a future Additional Provision. In light of this, I am now writing to you on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to offer you the following assurance:

“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;

“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 the North Staffordshire Bridleways Association;
“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;

“The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to engage with the Petitioner during the detailed design of the Proposed Scheme, and in particular, to keep the Petitioner informed of any proposed changes to the Bill which may result in changes to the Proposed Scheme affecting the bridleway networks in community areas CA3, CA4 and CA5 (if applicable) as described in the Environmental Statement.”

Casey Lane

You expressed the need for a bridleway link between Casey Land and Weston Lane. Having reviewed this further I am prepared to offer you the following assurance:

“In this assurance:

“the Bill” means the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill;

“the Diversion of Regional Cycle Route 70” means the proposed cycle track between Casey Land and Weston Lane to the west of the West Coast Main Line labelled as such on Plan CT-05-239 in the CA5 South Cheshire Map Book in Volume 2 of the Supplemental Environmental Statement and Additional Provision Environmental Statement accompanying the Bill;

1.1 The Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to use reasonable endeavours in the exercise of Bill powers to construct the Diversion of Regional Cycle Route 70 to a standard that would enable it to be used as a bridleway, subject to the prior satisfaction of the conditions in paragraph 1.2.

1.2 The conditions referred to in paragraph 1.1 are that:

a) the Promoter is satisfied that this change can be delivered within the existing powers of the Bill and without the need for any additional land from that identified on the deposited plans as within the limits of land to be acquired or used for the purposes of the Proposed Scheme;

b) the Promoter is satisfied such an upgrade could be delivered without giving rise to any new or different significant environmental effects from those assessed in the Environmental Statement accompanying the Bill;

c) the Promoter is satisfied that the local highway authority does not have any objections to altering the proposed Diversion of Regional Cycle Route 70 to create a new bridleway in its place and the local highway authority will agree to use its powers to provide for the creation of a bridleway along this route and accept future maintenance responsibility.”
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 BS, Compliance with Undertakings and Assurances.¹

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 petition¹.

If you have any queries please don’t hesitate to contact Nisha Plaha, Petition Advisor, on 020 7944 7558 and Nisha.plaha@HS2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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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

¹ 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/