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Dear Mr Cliffe


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.

Balancing ponds

Firstly regarding your clients' interest in being consulted around the location of the balancing ponds designated on their land holding, I would like to bring to your attention an assurance offered to the NFU, as laid out in the letter dated 21 June 2018, regarding detailed design. This assurance is in Part B of the NFU assurances that we have said will be issued to farmers or rural business owner petitioners on a case by case basis and I share it directly below for ease:

Assurance No. 22 – Detailed design

22.1 Prior to the completion of the detailed design of the works authorised by the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill ("the Bill"), the Secretary of State will require the Nominated Undertaker to consult an owner/tenant of an agricultural holding regarding the detailed design of works proposed to be constructed upon any part of that holding under the powers of the Bill and the use of land for the provision of ecological and any other mitigation that does not involve the construction of works.

22.2 The Nominated Undertaker shall have regard to the responses received to the consultation undertaken under paragraph 22.1 and in so far as reasonably practicable, after taking into account all other relevant factors, including other relevant Undertaking and Assurances, associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation of those works and other ecological or other mitigation,

22.2.1 seek to minimise the loss of Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land as described in the Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales, published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in October 1988; and

22.2.2 seek to accommodate reasonable proposals from the relevant owner/tenant
to modify the detailed design of the works or provision of other ecological mitigation for the purposes of facilitating the efficient management of the agricultural holding in question following the completion of construction of the works.

22.3 In this assurance, “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.

22.4 Nothing in this assurance shall require any modification to the works which gives rise to any significant impact on the environment which has not been addressed in the Environmental Statement for the HS2 Project but that does not preclude consideration being given to any proposals for such modifications.

I am writing to formally offer, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, a further assurance to address another key concern regarding the reduction of land take in relation to balancing ponds:

“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;

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

“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; and

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Transport.

Balancing Ponds

Reduction in the land take for balancing ponds

1.1. The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker in carrying 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.

1.2. The assurance in 1.1 is subject to:

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

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

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\(^1\).

It is hoped that this bespoke, additional assurance will go some way towards further addressing your client's concerns prior to their Select Committee appearance this week on Wednesday 11 July. In the meantime, 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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\(^1\) A copy can be found at [https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-informationpapers](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-informationpapers)