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Dear Mr McCulloch

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000161 AND HS2-AP1-0008 – STAFFORDSHIRE AND BIRMINGHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY (SBAS)

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 and the Additional Provision (AP) (March 2018) in the House of Commons.

I am writing to set out our position in relation to the issues your clients have raised and the measures identified to address their concerns. Further to the meeting held with representatives of Staffordshire and Birmingham Agricultural Society (SBAS) and in respect of the matters set out in your client’s petitions against the Bill and the AP (March 2018), I am writing to you on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport to offer your client assurances on the following matters:

- SBAS underpass
- LPG and LNG tanks
- Access off A518 Weston Road
- Provision of information
- Land acquisition
- Reconfiguring entrance and internal roads
- Utility diversions

Assurance 1: SBAS underpass

“Other than in unforeseen or emergency circumstances, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker in exercise of the Bill powers to use reasonable endeavours not to interrupt pedestrian use of the underpass shown marked on the Plan on Event Days during the construction phase of HS2 Phase 2a.”
In this assurance, ‘Event Days’ means the calendar days as notified to HS2 Limited by the Petitioner in writing as soon as reasonably practicable and in any event no less than 3 months in advance and lasting no longer than 5 calendar days in any period of consecutive calendar days, unless agreed between the Promoter and the Petitioner, where parking is required on the western side of the A518 and the underpass is required for visitors to cross to the Showground for the purposes of the specified event.

**Assurance 2: LPG and LNG tanks**

“1. Subject to 2 below, the Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker not to undertake any mitigation planting on Plot 37 any further north than 5 metres to the south of the LPG Tanks and LNG Tanks on that Plot.

2. The conditions referred to in 1 above are that this change:

   - does not affect the landscape planting required to mitigate any significant visual effects reported in the Environmental Statement;
   - receives the consent of all relevant bodies and authorities;
   - does not affect the Promoter’s compliance with any aspects of the Environmental Minimum Requirements; and
   - does not prejudice the safe, timely and economic delivery of HS2 Phase 2a.”

**Assurance 3: Access off A518 Weston Road**

“1. Subject to 2 below, during the detailed design of HS2 Phase 2a the Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to engage with the Petitioner in relation to the design of the reconfigured western access from Weston Road (Work No. 51B) as shown on the Plan to maximise the amount of space for car parking available to Staffordshire County Showground so far as reasonably practicable.

2. Paragraph 1 above is subject to:

   - any statutory approvals required from the Local Planning Authority and from the Local Highway Authority under Schedule 4 to the Bill
   - changes to the Bill made through any future Additional Provisions not being adversely affected by this assurance (notwithstanding the petitioner’s right to be heard on a petition against any such Additional Provision);
   - the proposal not affecting compliance with any aspect of the Environmental Minimum Requirements by the Promoter;
   - the proposal not requiring the acquisition of any land not provided for under the Bill or outside of the Petitioner’s landownership; and
   - the proposal not prejudicing the safe, timely and economic delivery of HS2 Phase 2a.”

**Assurance 4: Provision of information**

The Promoter would like to draw the Petitioner’s attention to the provisions included in the draft Code of Construction Practice in relation to engagement and notice of works, in particular section 5.1.4, and in addition is willing to offer the following assurance:
The Promoter will keep the Petitioner informed of the progress of the Bill from time to time and of likely changes to target dates for construction of the HS2 Phase 2a project in the immediate area of the Showground.

Assurance 5: Land acquisition

“If at the date when it is proposed to implement the powers of the Bill in relation to the Property the Secretary of State is satisfied, in the light of detailed design of the project, that any part of the property will not be required for the accommodation of any permanent works authorised by the Bill the Secretary of State shall not exercise the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to that part of the Property but instead the Nominated Undertaker may exercise the powers of Schedule 15 to the Bill to enter and take temporary possession of the Property.”

Assurance 6: Reconfiguring entrance and internal roads

“The Promoter will use reasonable endeavours to reach an agreement with SBAS, where a business case is approved and where it relates to the provision of additional infrastructure, including reconfiguring the entrance to the Property from Deer Park Drive and associated reconfigured internal roads within the ownership of SBAS, in consequence of permanent acquisition by the Promoter of part of the Property required for the Showground.

Such agreement to provide that compensation will be paid in advance of entry after Royal Assent, subject to the Promoter being satisfied there is no subsisting mortgage over the Property in question and that suitable security for any advanced payment can be adequately secured.”

Assurance 7: Utility diversions

“The Secretary of State shall require the nominated undertaker to engage with the relevant utility companies in order to reduce any disturbance caused by utility works at the Property as far as reasonably practicable”.

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.

I hope that the information set out above in relation to the issues raised in your petitions gives you the comfort required in order to withdraw your petitions.

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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
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 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/