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Dear Mr Fraser

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF LORDS SELECT COMMITTEE:
PETITION HS2-HOL-023 - YARNFIELD AND COLD MEECE PARISH COUNCIL, STONE TOWN COUNCIL
& CHEBSEY PARISH COUNCIL**

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.

As your petition against the Bill proposes that the railhead and Infrastructure Maintenance Base-Railhead (IMB-R) at Stone be relocated to Aldersey's Rough, which would require an Additional Provision to the Bill or an Order under the Transport & Works Act 1992 to deliver, my letters of 14 August and 1 September explained that the House of Lords Select Committee had made a statement on 29 July about their approach to hearing petitions seeking such changes.

The statement explained that the Phase 2a House of Lords Select Committee intended to follow the decision made by the Phase 1 House of Lords Select Committee and therefore would not hear evidence and submissions in support of an application for an Additional Provision that had not been considered by the Phase 2a House of Commons Select Committee. Specifically, the statement said:

"We are aware that certain petitioners have suggested that changes similar to those that might be made by additional provision might instead be effected through an Order under the Transport and Works Act 1992. That would involve a process which is separate from the parliamentary process on this Bill, and it is highly unlikely that we could be persuaded that there was any recommendation we should or could make in respect of such an Order".

It is clear from the exhibits that you have recently sent us that you intend to make the case for the relocation of the railhead and IMB-R to Aldersey's Rough when you appear before the Select Committee on 15 September, and I am writing to let you know that should you do so, the Promoter will draw the Select Committee's attention to the fact that this would require an Additional Provision to the Bill or an Order under the Transport & Works Act 1992 to deliver.

With regards to the points raised in your letter of 11 September 2020 I consider these have been appropriately addressed in our earlier correspondence to you and furthermore in the exhibits we have provided for the hearing of your petition.

If you require any further assistance with aspects of your petition please contact Rachna Shah, Petition Manager, on 07881 792217 or Rachna.Shah@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Knight', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Simon Knight

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