HS2 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSE DRAFT

QUESTION 1

I do not feel a reduction of 35 minutes in the travel time between London and Crewe does not provide sufficient return on the considerable costs involved in constructing the HS2 line.

However, my main concern relates to the traffic implications during g the construction and the impact this will have on my village.

I have been informed by HS2 staff that HGVS will be using the A51/A525 routes for four and a half years and approximately 250 vehicles will pass back and forth through the village centre with a peak period of two and a half months when this increases to 500. With a 10 hours working day this is nearly 1 per minute and yet, this is supposed to be a non preferred route. There are clearly more viable options.

Question 2

I don’t feel that the following critical issues have been appropriately considered and evaluated regarding their impact on Woore:-

1/ traffic density

2/ noise pollution

3/ road safety

4/ air quality (the information provided is outdated)

5/ structural damage to residential properties

In addition, there are likely to be problems arising from the excessive weight loads and vibration of these vehicles as they travel over some historic tunnels in the village square and also major gas and oil pipes on the A 525.

Question 3

Re CA4 – Whitmore to Madeley

My overwhelming concern is the total lack of specific mention to Woore therefore no data, analysis, assumptions or mitigation documented in Volume 2 can be deemed to be appropriate or relevant to us.

Clearly, there is a critical lack of investigative research and analysis with regard to potential impacts and effects on our community. Section 3 also states stakeholders were invited to comment on the scheme. No consultations were undertaken with Woore.

Question 4

Air quality -PM 10 and NOX

These are primarily the product of diesel combustion engines and a significant increase in the numbers of HGVS will inevitably lead to an increase in air pollution. Alarmingly no current air pollution survey information is available fro. Hs2.

Question 5

To date, HS2 have no traffic management plan available for Woore. Despite this, several proposals such as removal of pa events along the route, particularly near the school, will clearly put pedestrians at high risk.

Such excessive volumes of HGVS can only impede emergency services accessing local residents. Insufficient consideration has also been given to cyclists, walkers and horse riders of which there are many.

Question 6

Additional factors to be considered and not included in Volume 5 include:-

* Other regular hauliers eg milk tanker fleet
* Large agricultural vehicles and machinery
* Overflow from the M6 when there have been accidents/issues

There are also numerous existing accident “hotspots” in the village and these will only be exacerbated.