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Dear Mr Paterson

**MS SARAH PIMLOTT – CLERK TO WOORE PARISH COUNCIL
NORTH BARN, CHURCH HOUSE FARM, COOLE LANE, NANTWICH, CHESHIRE CW5 8AB**

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July regarding Ms Sarah Pimlott's concerns over the impact of HS2's construction in Woore.

We hope that the public meeting held on 10 July 2017 provided insight into the progress and plans of HS2 for the community. Since this meeting, the hybrid Bill for Phase 2a of HS2 was deposited into Parliament on 17 July 2017. A consultation (run by the Department for Transport) will take place until 30 September 2017. During this time, the community can respond to information contained within the Bill.

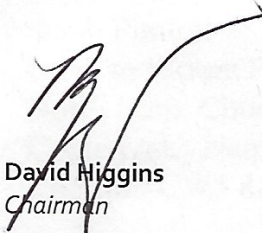
The A51 through Woore is part of the main A road network identified for use as a construction traffic route by HS2 Ltd rather than more local roads and country lanes. The A51 links to the A53 and the A500 which provides main A road access to the strategic road network. The notices erected by Mouchel were to determine land ownership only. We are not using land near Woore for construction compounds or depots.

Modifications to the junction of the A51 and A525 in Woore are proposed to allow construction vehicles to safely turn into, and out of, the junction. This will involve the temporary removal of street furniture. Along the A525, several passing bays (nine in Shropshire) and some localised widening where the road is particularly narrow is also proposed. This is to allow two HGVs to safely pass. The works are currently temporary and will be reinstated on completion of construction. However, the detailed design of the modifications will be approved by Shropshire County Council and, should they wish, these modifications can be made permanent.

We work closely with local authorities, businesses, environmental organisations and communities in order to understand the key issues associated with the HS2 route. A full environmental impact assessment has been undertaken as part of the hybrid Bill, including air quality resulting from construction traffic. Furthermore, prior to the commencement of the works the nominated undertaker will make sure that, as part of the Route-wide Traffic Management Plan requirements, a Local Traffic Management Plan will be

produced in consultation with the highway and traffic authorities, the emergency services and other relevant key stakeholders to mitigate the impact of the works.

Yours sincerely



David Higgins
Chairman