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Dear Ms Jackson

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) ACT 2021 – WOORE PARISH COUNCIL

As you know, during the passage of the Phase 2a Bill we have given three assurances to Woore Parish Council.

We wrote to the Parish Council on 18 May 2018 requiring the nominated undertaker not to use the Pipe Gate 'slip road' as a lorry holding area.

We then wrote to the Parish Council on 13 March 2020 providing an assurance that, subject to conditions set out in the assurance, the Secretary of State would continue to engage with Woore Parish Council and the local highway authority in relation to the impact of a construction route through Woore village and would use reasonable endeavours to agree with Woore Parish Council a suitable package of physical traffic calming and safety measures to manage construction traffic within the village.

The assurance said that in the event that agreement on a package of measures was not reached in time to allow the traffic calming measures to be consented and constructed prior to such time that the A51 and A525 are required by the nominated undertaker as construction routes for the scheme, the Secretary of State would require the nominated undertaker to implement the measures proposed in Design Package 2 in the report sent to Woore Parish Council in January 2019 entitled 'Traffic Calming and Road Safety Provisions Options – Woore Village' and summarised in the letter.

We also wrote to the Parish Council on 23 November 2020 providing an assurance to include provision for a School Crossing Patrol Officer in the package of measures set out in the March assurance.

As a result of further discussions with Woore Parish Council, Shropshire Council and Owen Paterson MP, we would like to offer you a fourth assurance to provide the following traffic calming and road safety measures (these are in addition to the measures set out in Design Package 2 and the provision of a School Crossing Patrol Officer):

"In this assurance:

"Act" means the High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Act 2021;

“the nominated undertaker” refers to the body or bodies appointed by the Secretary of State to exercise the powers conferred by the Act to construct and maintain the Proposed Scheme. The nominated undertaker may be HS2 Ltd, or it may be another body or bodies appointed to oversee the construction and operation of the Proposed Scheme;

“the Proposed Scheme” means Phase 2a of HS2 as defined further in the Act; and

“the Secretary of State” means the Secretary of State for Transport or any successor Secretary of State or minister holding the Transport portfolio.

1. Subject to the conditions in paragraph 2 being satisfied, the Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to implement the following traffic calming and road safety measures (as shown for indicative purposes on the attached plan):
 - 1.1. Upgrade to three gateways to Woore, on the A51 south of the parish, the A51 north of the parish and the A525;
 - 1.2. Provision of a prominent speed gate on the A525 on the approach to Woore Village;
 - 1.3. Provision of additional measures to enhance crossing provision on the A525 at the school bus dropping off point, as part of modifications to the A525/A51 junction;
 - 1.4. Provision of an uncontrolled crossing at Pipe Gate on the A51;
 - 1.5. Provision of access-only signage at entry points to Gravenhunger Lane, Candle Lane, Cherry Tree Lane and Bearstone Road at locations marked indicatively on the attached plan;
 - 1.6. Provision of signage at the entrance to the slip road off the A51 south of Woore at Pipe Gate to prohibit use by HS2 construction traffic as a lorry holding area; and
 - 1.7. Installation of convex mirrors at all three exits from properties at Pipe Gate onto the A51.
2. The conditions referred to in paragraph 1 are:
 - 2.1. the measures can be carried out without prejudicing the safe, timely and economic delivery of the Proposed Scheme;
 - 2.2. the consent of the local highway authority; and
 - 2.3. the measures do not create any new or different significant environmental effects than those reported in the Environmental Statement prepared in connection with the Act.
3. This assurance is in addition to those assurances offered in letters dated 18 May 2018, 13 March 2020 and 23 November 2020.”

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Rebecca Lewis, Engagement Manager, on 07775 908 433 or rebecca.lewis@hs2.org.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Simon Knight', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Supplementary traffic calming and road safety measures – indicative locations

