

High Speed Rail Phase 2a: February 2021 Consultation Response

Question A

Please let us know your comments on the impact of road traffic as a result of the HS2 Phase 2a works.

Along the whole Phase 2a route

Along the 58km length of Phase 2a, HS2 Ltd will create 45 road construction compounds, which will be used as bases for its construction workforce and 12 transfer nodes that will be used for the import and export of bulk earthworks materials.

The satellite compounds, and especially the transfer nodes, will be accessed by large numbers of heavy good vehicles throughout the Phase 2a construction period over a minimum period of 4½ years.

In the transport assessments that have accompanied its Environmental Statements for the five Phase 2a community areas, HS2 Ltd has predicted the average and peak number of HGV movements that will be required to serve each of its construction sites throughout what it calls a '*busy period*'. It has also predicted the duration of time that each of its sites will be operational.

Although, even by HS2 Ltd's own admission, the numbers of HGV movements to many of the construction sites are frighteningly high and result in very significant adverse effects on local people, the company has never been willing to substantiate its predictions. Communities have therefore had no way of knowing whether they simply represent an estimate or whether they are based on sound engineering logic.

For other major developments, applicants would be expected to publish verifiable evidence of how their predictions have been calculated. To do this, developers would produce a document that is usually known as a '*Transport Logistics Profile*'. This comprises a spreadsheet where the construction programme in months is set out from left to right and related to the various tasks and types of materials requiring imports or exports by HGV.

Imports and exports to the HS2 transfer nodes in particular are relatively easy to calculate as these only include bulk earthworks materials comprising either granular rock for embankment construction or excavation waste for disposal. HS2 Ltd must have this detail, but despite repeated requests for transparency, it has refused all requests to provide details that can be verified.

SRCG's detailed review of HS2 Ltd's earthworks quantities at the Stone Railhead and in respect of the six Phase 2a borrow pits has identified some major discrepancies in the company's claims regarding HGV movements and strongly suggest that the number of HGV movements have been significantly understated.

Indeed, with respect to the six borrow pits required to extract approximately 4.5 million cubic metres of sand and gravel, and then backfill them with the equivalent volume of excavation waste from cuttings along the route, it is clear that HS2 Ltd has underestimated the number of HGV movements it requires by at least 720,000.

It has done this by making some basic arithmetical miscalculations, as well as by grossly exaggerating its ability to transport earthworks materials along its railway corridor.

The impact of this situation will be felt by communities along the length of Phase 2a but especially those reliant on using the following sections of road and key road junctions which will bear the brunt of HS2 construction traffic:

- **CA1 Fradley to Colton:** A51 (Lichfield to Wolseley Bridge), A515 (near Kings Bromley) and A513 (east of Rugeley).
- **CA2 Colwich to Yarlet:** A51 (Wolseley Bridge to Stone), A518 (southwest of Weston), A513 (north of Stafford), A34 (Yarlet to M6 Junction 14).
- **CA3 Stone and Swynnerton:** A34 (Yarlet to Yarnfield Lane via Stone), B5026 (Eccleshall Road), A51 near Swynnerton, A519 (Clifford's Wood junction with A51 and Hanchurch), A500 near M6 Junction 15 and the entire Hanchurch interchange including A5182 to Acton.
- **CA4 Whitmore Heath to Madeley:** A53 (between junction with A5182) and A51 (junction at Blackbrook), A51 (Blackbrook to Woore), A525 (Woore to Madeley).
- **CA5 South Cheshire:** A500 (M6 Junction 16 to Nantwich), A51 (Nantwich to Woore).

In addition, to the main roads listed above, numerous 'B' and 'C' class routes, together with unclassified roads, many of which are totally unsuited to large construction traffic, will be impacted in each community area.

CA3 Stone and Swynnerton

Stone Railhead

The Stone and Swynnerton community area will be particularly impacted by HS2 construction traffic, not least because it is where the unfeasible Stone Railhead will be located.

The impacts on road traffic in the Stone area are directly related to the decision by HS2 Ltd to pursue the construction of a railhead mostly comprising Made Ground of weak clay-like mudstone that will be tipped onto unstable and waterlogged ground within the Filly Brook floodplain to form a massive earth structure up to 11 metres high.

In an attempt to provide some stability to what is (essentially) a spoil tip, HS2 Ltd is proposing to replace the top 2 metres depth of existing soft ground with imported rock material and/or use a technique known as soil mixing to stir up the near surface materials and add cement. HS2 Ltd has no idea whether these techniques are likely to be successful as it has very limited ground investigation data and has not trialled these proposed mitigations. However, given the very negative results it has acquired from the ground investigations it undertook in 2019, it would seem unlikely that these proposed measures could ever be effective.

The replacement of 2m of soft ground will also require large volumes of excavation waste to be exported from the site and good quality rock to be imported via the Yarnfield North Embankment Transfer Node located on Yarnfield Lane. In order to do this, HS2 Ltd expects this transfer node to cope with up to 2329 HGV movements per day, i.e. the equivalent of one HGV entering and leaving the site at a rate of 1 every 30 seconds throughout the proposed 10-hour long working day. This is logistically impossible given that it will take a minimum of 10-20 minutes to load/unload an HGV and ensure that it has completed the required health and safety checks, including wheel washing and vehicle sheeting.

A review of HS2 Ltd's excavation quantities, contained in reports provided to the SRCG, also suggests that the company is significantly underestimating the total number of HGV movements required to serve this transfer node. With two road satellite compounds, together with a concrete batching plant, also to be accessed from Yarnfield Lane, it is clear that the proposals will not work, despite HS2 Ltd proposing to access the sites via new junctions connected to Yarnfield Lane from the M6.

HS2 Ltd's proposals for accessing Yarnfield Lane from the M6 are also flawed as they need to use the existing M6 overbridge as an internal haul road to connect to the northbound M6. This has led the

company to concoct a hugely complex, expensive and impracticable set of proposals, which, in the best-case scenario, HS2 Ltd has admitted will take up to 18 months and be very disruptive to construct.

With the narrow and totally unsuitable eastern section of Yarnfield Lane from the junction with the A34 dual carriageway in Stone already being used as the route to the Stone Railhead construction sites until the M6 connections are completed, any delay to these works would further increase the use of this route and have even more severe impacts on local people.

HS2 Ltd has also failed to say what will happen when the M6 is subject to traffic congestion or closure. Local people, familiar with the M6 between junctions 14 and 15, know that such events occur reasonably frequently, and the result is that the A34 through Stone becomes paralysed with motorway traffic.

Given the extraordinary pressures for HGV movements to the Stone Railhead that HS2 has created for itself, we believe that it is inevitable that the company's contractors will seek to dramatically increase its proposed working hours from 8am to 6pm during weekdays and 8am to 1pm on Saturdays with the resultant severe consequences for local people. However, we cannot see how even allowing 24/7 working and access to the site would satisfactorily overcome the Stone Railhead's obvious transport logistic problems.

The only realistic solution to the conundrum that HS2 Ltd has created for itself is to move the Phase 2a Railhead/IMB-R to the SRCG's alternative site at Aldersey's Rough.

Aldersey's Rough has the following HGV traffic related advantages over Stone:

- It is located on higher ground comprising more stable underlying geology and therefore its construction would have a much-reduced requirement for excavation waste disposal and granular rock importation.
- It could be provided with quick and easy access to the M6 via the existing connections at Keele Services and a 300m long section of Three Mile Lane; a far less utilised road compared to Yarnfield Lane.
- Aldersey's Rough could be connected via internal haul roads to HS2 construction sites at Whitmore and Madeley and could supply these with materials, thereby reducing construction traffic impacts on J15 of the M6 and the nearby Hanchurch Interchange, as well as on the A53 (through Whitmore and Baldwins Gate), A51 through Pipe Gate, Ireland's Cross and Woore and the A525 through Onneley to Madeley.
- The Railhead could be constructed in less than half the 4½ years duration HS2 Ltd has estimated will be required at Stone and for £93 million less cost. Unlike Stone, it could then be used to import/export construction materials and excavation waste by rail thereby saving even further HGV movements on Staffordshire's roads.

Yarnfield Lane

Yarnfield Lane is a minor 'C' road that represents the main route between the village of Yarnfield, with its population of over 2000 residents, and the town of Stone, located approximately 3km to the east.

HS2 proposes to use Yarnfield Lane to access the Yarnfield North Embankment Transfer Node, the most intensively used of the twelve Phase 2a transfer nodes. It will also be used to access two road satellite compounds; a concrete batching plant and worker accommodation for 240 HS2 construction personnel.

At approximately 5.5 metres width, with many bends and a steep wooded bank at its eastern end, Yarnfield Lane is currently subject to a 7.5 tonne weight limit (except for access). It is therefore totally ill-equipped to handle large numbers of HGV movements at any point along its length.

When HS2 Ltd decided to move its proposed Phase 2a Railhead/IMB-R, from industrial railway land at Crewe to a greenfield site near Stone in September 2016, its plan was to close Yarnfield Lane to public traffic for a period of three years. With all alternative routes to Stone from Yarnfield also being subject to interruption by HS2 construction works, objections to the lane closure proposals were led by Stone MP, Sir Bill Cash and the then Secretary of State for Transport called for a rethink.

Instead of realising that its proposals were severely constrained, HS2 Ltd fudged the issue and devised an ill-considered scheme that it claimed could accommodate keeping Yarnfield Lane open despite the obvious conflicts with its conceptual design for the Stone Railhead/IMB-R.

Despite repeated technical challenges from the Stone Railhead Crisis Group about the practicality of its proposals, which HS2 Ltd has (to date) not been able to satisfactorily address, the company has refused to accept that in terms of engineering, its scheme is not feasible. By taking this stance HS2 Ltd has had to go to ever more extraordinary lengths to try to convince local people that its proposals might work, but in this it has proved unsuccessful.

HS2 Ltd plans to create a permanent realignment of Yarnfield Lane over a distance of 1.2 kilometres, involving a 132-metre long motorway overbridge. The company has admitted that this extremely complex and expensive proposal will involve a multiple stage temporary diversion of a separate section of Yarnfield Lane located on the western side of the motorway, which will repeatedly interrupt public use of this vital access road to the village.

HS2 Ltd has also belatedly admitted that it will need to transport 129,000 cubic metres of fill across the existing M6 overbridge to construct the temporary and permanent diversions of Yarnfield Lane, together with an unsafe snaking access road to enable its HGVs to access the northbound M6. All of the HGV traffic required to do this (31,300 movements) will share Yarnfield Lane and the existing M6 bridge with the public.

HS2 vehicles will then share the realigned Yarnfield Lane with the public at a rate that averages more than 200 HGV movements per day over the last 11 months of the construction period.

In addition, we consider that the design of realigned Yarnfield Lane, which requires it to pass through a 12-metre deep cutting under the Railhead/IMB-R, to be fundamentally unsafe for future public use. This is because HS2 Ltd has located the permanent access from its IMB-R onto the realigned lane part-way down the cutting with insufficient west facing visibility. This issue has been repeatedly raised with HS2 Ltd and formed part of the evidence presented to parliament by our parish councils. However, rather than amend the design to conform to with national UK technical highway standards, the company has chosen to seek exemptions, with the consequential risk to safety of future users of Yarnfield Lane.

Yarnfield & Cold Meece Parish Council has also repeatedly requested that the realigned lane be provided with an appropriately designed pedestrian and cycleway and is supported in this endeavour by Cycling UK. However, despite the massive impacts that HS2 Ltd will be imposing on the residents of Yarnfield, the company has stubbornly refused to provide such mitigation as partial compensation for the devastation it will cause to village life.

Hanchurch Interchange

As a further illustration of HS2 Ltd's inability to accurately assess the impacts on the local road traffic network, SRCG undertook a comprehensive review of the three main junctions that form the Hanchurch Interchange at J15 of the M6.

Hanchurch Interchange represents a vital road artery for the North Staffordshire economy. This road system, which is already subject to traffic congestion, especially at peak times, is on the proposed route to seventeen HS2 construction sites, including three transfer nodes, located to the west of the M6 in North Staffordshire. It will also be used by HGVs transporting excavation waste to the two

northernmost Phase 2a borrow pits from the Yarnfield North Embankment Transfer Node and the two Yarlet South transfer nodes located between Stone and Stafford.

As part of its July 2017 Environmental Statement HS2 Ltd undertook a highly flawed assessment of the impact on Hanchurch Interchange. SRCG's review of this assessment was carried out by a professional transport planner. It demonstrated that HS2 Ltd had used inaccurate and out of date baseline traffic data and had assessed the three junctions, which are located within a few hundred metres of each other completely separately, when they clearly form part of an integrated traffic system.

As a consequence of its approach, the impacts of HS2 traffic on the Hanchurch Interchange have been grossly understated. The company has since claimed that it can remove approximately 2500 HGV movements from this route by using the Phase 2a railway as an internal haul route. However, HS2 Ltd has been unable to substantiate this claim with any detail or plan and SRCG has subsequently demonstrated that it is without foundation.

Hanchurch Interchange also represents an example of how HS2 Ltd has failed to undertake a cumulative effects assessment of even its own HGV transportation proposals, let alone given any consideration to the cumulative effects of its proposals with other permitted development. This is contrary to the requirements of the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Regulations.

The absence of robust traffic assessments, including appropriately compiled cumulative effects assessments, is a consistent theme that undermines the Environmental Statements for the CA3 and other four Phase 2a community areas and we have absolutely no confidence in the accuracy of HS2 Ltd's assessment of the effects of its construction traffic, which we believe is massively understated.

Unless, this issue is addressed as part of the detailed design process for Phase 2a and the Schedule 4 and 17 applications that will be submitted to the County Council, the economy and environment of Staffordshire will be very severely damaged to the detriment of residents unfortunate enough to live in the vicinity of the Phase 2a route.

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Question B

Please let us know your comments on the impact of the HS2 Phase 2a works on the natural environment including, but not limited to, the impact on ancient woodland.

Question C

Please let us know your comments on whether there are sufficient transport provisions for the purposes of passengers connecting to HS2 Phase 2a and to address changes to general passenger movements caused by the HS2 Phase 2a works.

Along the whole Phase 2a route

The answer is no, there is certainly not sufficient transport provisions for passengers living in Staffordshire to connect to Phase 2a or to address the loss of existing rail services that residents of the County currently enjoy.

Despite approximately 90% of the 58km of Phase 2a carving its way through Staffordshire, the County is only being offered a sub-standard express service with HS2 and something that represents a significant downgrading of the existing rail services.

Staffordshire will not be provided with any HS2 stations and instead all we are currently proposed to receive is an hourly service from London that will call at the existing stations at Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent, before terminating in Macclesfield.

This service will be a '*classic compatible*' train, that will leave HS2 tracks at the northern end of Phase One to join the West Coast Mainline (WCML) via the Handsacre link. Because it will run on existing network rail tracks through Staffordshire, travel time savings are limited and amount to only 22 minutes (28%) for Stafford and 13 minutes (15%) for Stoke.

To make matters worse, the existing twice-hourly Pendolino train services to Stoke-on-Trent will not continue once the western leg of HS2 fully opens because Manchester Piccadilly will be served by two or three direct HS2 trains per hour from London. Similarly, the existing hourly Liverpool Lime Street Pendolino services that stop at Stafford will be replaced by HS2 classic compatible trains that will leave Phase 2a in South Cheshire and stop at Crewe.

Consequently, the existing hourly express services to Staffordshire to/from London will be cut by two-thirds. The opening of HS2 will therefore result in a very a significant downgrading of the inter-city train services currently enjoyed by Staffordshire and does not fulfil the clearly hollow promises of HS2 Ltd to improve rail capacity and connectivity.

The provision of the inadequate HS2 service to Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent also represents a best-case scenario as its viability is already under threat. This is because this proposed classic compatible service was planned when HS2 Ltd believed that it could run 18 trains per hour (tph) in and out of London Euston. However, signalling constraints mean that the capacity at London Euston has now been reduced to just 14tph.

London Euston also represents a major risk to the HS2 project. The station expansion has already been delayed by several years and this element of the project has been removed from Phase One. This means that Old Oak Common will initially be used as the London terminus, but it only has a capacity of 10tph.

In addition, after already spending over £100 million on the station design, the Government has recently ordered a redesign of the London Euston proposals and this has resulted in a reduction in the number of platforms from eleven to ten. With the station and the section of line to Old Oak Common costing an estimated £8 billion, and the Crossrail 2 project now shelved, there is a significant risk that this element of the project will be abandoned. With the Crossrail One project (currently under construction) also connecting to Old Oak Common, and now due to open in 2022, there have also been calls for it to become the permanent London terminus instead of Euston.

Because of these adverse developments, and the dubious economic case for running an inter-city service to Macclesfield instead of Manchester, it is unlikely that HS2 classic compatible trains to Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent will ever happen. There is therefore a significant risk that this service will be dropped from the HS2 schedules, perhaps even before it starts operating.

Consequently, despite suffering years of disruption and economic hardship from the construction of Phase 2a, Staffordshire will potentially have no HS2 service itself and worse still will lose its existing intercity connections to London, as well as to Liverpool and Manchester.

In these circumstances, the only way to connect to HS2 will involve using local train services to either link to the HS2 classic compatible service at Crewe or the main HS2 service at Birmingham. However, both of these options are inferior to the existing arrangements and will be more convoluted and much slower than the 77-minute and 85-minute journey times to London that are currently available from Stafford and Stoke-on-Trent respectively.

Travelling to London via Crewe would also involve first going in the wrong direction. With the WCML services from Stoke and Stafford connected to Birmingham New Street Station rather than the HS2

hub at Curzon Street, time would be spent travelling (on foot, by taxi or bus or in future by tram) between the Birmingham stations.

CA3 Stone and Swynnerton

The Stone and Swynnerton community area would also experience additional problems because HS2 Ltd's proposals will reduce capacity on the existing Norton Bridge to Stone Railway, thereby giving it the unenviable distinction of becoming the only railway in the UK to have its capacity reduced by HS2.

The 6km long Norton Bridge to Stone Railway is currently used by three passenger trains per hour (i.e. two Cross Country services and one NorthWest Trains service) in each direction and the HS2 classic compatible service to Macclesfield would add a fourth in each direction. This factor will therefore remove any opportunity to provide new services along this line and reinstate the local services between Stoke and Stafford that formerly called at Wedgwood and Barlaston stations, but which in recent years have been replaced by bus substitution services.

More significantly, the positioning of the Stone IMB-R halfway along the Norton Bridge to Stone Railway means that the line would have to be used to supply maintenance materials to HS2. With eight passenger trains per hour operating on the line throughout the day, HS2 Ltd has admitted the Stone IMB-R would need to be supplied at night for its entire life, with all of the negative environmental (e.g. noise, and light pollution) effects that will cause, none of which have been assessed in its CA3 Environmental Statement or supporting documentation.

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Question D

Please let us know your comments on whether the construction of new railway stations and improvements to railway stations, including any reopening of lines, is necessary in relation to your response to question C.

Along the whole Phase 2a route

The only way for Staffordshire to salvage anything tangible from the Phase 2a proposals is for the former Newcastle/Stoke to Market Drayton Railway to reopen and be connected to the main West Coast Mainline at Madeley via the construction of new junction with chords that will enable full north and south bound operation.

If this proposal were adopted it would provide a far better rail connection between the Stoke conurbation and Crewe than is currently available via the existing Kidsgrove line from Stoke Station. This is because, when combined with the planned station and line improvements at Crewe, it would enable future through services from the Potteries to Liverpool, Chester & North Wales, and the North West towns (e.g. Warrington and Preston) located on the main WCML to Scotland. It would also facilitate a direct train service to Manchester Airport, thereby avoiding the current need to change at Crewe or Manchester Piccadilly.

Although still formally classed as operational, the former Newcastle/Stoke to Market Drayton Railway was last used in 1998 to transport coal from Silverdale Colliery to the WCML at Madeley Chord junction.

The railway was closed to passenger services by the Beeching cuts of the mid-1960s, with the branch connection from Stoke Station to the Newcastle-under-Lyme station on King Street via the Hartshill Tunnel severed in 1965.

The reopening of this line should also be accompanied by the reopening of former stations, or construction of new stations at strategic locations along the route, including as a minimum at Madeley

on the existing WCML, together with Keele, Silverdale and Newcastle-under-Lyme on the former Newcastle/Stoke to Market Drayton line.

In order to ensure maximum construction and funding flexibility, the proposal could be implemented in stages, as required, with the HS2 project funding the first stage and the new junction with the WCML at Madeley:

1. Madeley Chord to Aldersey's Rough (2km) to serve HS2 Phase 2a.
2. Aldersey's Rough to Silverdale (4km), where the track bed remains in situ.
3. Silverdale to Newcastle (4km), where the route is preserved as a footpath.
4. Newcastle to Stoke (2km), where the Hartshill tunnel will need to be reopened/re-excavated.

Once the connection is made between Newcastle and Stoke, there is the potential for local services to cross the city from east to west. This could stimulate the introduction of the new services between the East Midlands (e.g. Derby and Nottingham) and the North West via Stoke. The long-held aspiration to reopen the Leek line would also be boosted and mineral freight from the quarries in the Staffordshire Moorlands and Derbyshire Peak District could transfer from road to rail transportation, with the obvious environmental benefits that would accrue.

In addition to the connectivity benefits of the proposals, the reopening of the Newcastle/Stoke to Market Drayton Railway would provide a major economic boost to the region and especially the town centre of Newcastle, which is the most populated town in the country without its own railway station.

Another major beneficiary from the reopening of the line and the station at Keele, would be Keele University and its growing Business and Innovation Park.

This proposal would truly support the Government's levelling up agenda, in contrast to HS2 Ltd's current plans, which will massively disadvantage Staffordshire and damage its economy in both the short and longer term.

CA3 Stone and Swynnerton

The relocation of the Stone Railhead/IMB-R to Aldersey's Rough would also help offset the capacity reductions that HS2 will cause to the Norton Bridge to Stone Railway, especially if the HS2 Macclesfield service is cancelled, as seems likely.

The associated freeing up of capacity that HS2 will create on the main WCML line north of Stafford and the Manchester line between Stone and Stoke-on-Trent would also create the opportunity to reinstate train services to existing stations along the route and promote green travel opportunities via the construction of new stations at new development areas, such as at Trentham and Meaford, which are located alongside the existing railway network.

...and finally

Although HS2 Ltd has claimed in its first consultation leaflet that it circulated to residents during week commencing 1st February 2021 that it has undertaken "*extensive consultation already*" in order to justify saying that "*the Government does not intend to make changes to the Phase 2a scheme*", this is not true.

It has been evident from the Design Refinement Consultation exercise that started in the Stone area in September 2016 that the company has no idea how to effectively consult with residents affected by its proposals and has failed miserably to do so over the intervening 4½ years.

HS2 Ltd's approach to public consultation mainly involves hiring a local village hall or venue; filling it with a few display boards and plans; and having dozens of ill-informed staff on hand to present the company's party line. Unfortunately, most of the HS2 staff present at these events have little knowledge of the Community Area (or part of it) they are visiting and know even less about the details of the Phase 2a for the locality. Most are therefore unable to answer even the most basic of questions

from residents and normally resort to trying to find colleagues to help, most of which are often no more knowledgeable or helpful, and sometimes less so.

In our experience, invitation only events with specific parish councils, local groups or representatives have on every occasion included ill-conceived and poorly delivered HS2 powerpoint presentations, where so-called technical experts from HS2 Ltd or its consultants have either been unable to answer basic technical questions, or worse been evasive and unhelpful.

Consultation with petitioners has also taken the form of Promoter's Response Documents (PRDs) accompanied by, or in addition to, aggressive correspondence from faceless Director(s) of Hybrid Delivery, who are unwilling to meet and engage at a personal level.

There has never been any admission that the HS2 proposals are problematic or that anyone else's ideas could provide scheme improvements or benefits. Indeed, the company has on several occasions gone to considerable effort to defend the indefensible or to cover up obvious weaknesses in its case with claims that it cannot substantiate.

In conclusion, consultation is not meant to be about simply telling people what is going to happen and making them feel powerless to influence the decision-making process. Instead consultation is supposed to be about sharing ideas and listening to people who may have alternative views and potentially better ideas, especially where these could provide engineering, and environmental improvements to the Phase 2a scheme, as well as significant cost savings and a positive transportation and economic legacy for the future.

If HS2 Ltd continues not to consult effectively or listen to local people, the Phase 2a project will have a catastrophic impact on the roads of Staffordshire, with dire consequences for the well-being of a sizeable proportion of its population. However, such an appalling outcome is not yet inevitable and SRCG's technical team, alongside the local parish councils it is advising, remain available to discuss practicable and deliverable alternative options that can benefit everyone, including HS2 Ltd, the UK Government and the country's taxpayers.

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