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Subject: Consultation under clause 60 of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands – Crewe) Bill as amended in the House of Lords

Today the Government has announced the launch of a consultation to seek the views of residents in the local authority areas of Shropshire, Staffordshire, Cheshire East, and Cheshire West and Chester, and the stakeholders listed in Annex B of the consultation document, on the HS2 Phase 2a Scheme between the West Midlands and Crewe.

During its passage through the House of Lords, an amendment to the Phase 2a Bill was made requiring a further consultation on a variety of topics including the impact of road traffic as a result of our work, the impact of our work on the natural environment, transport provisions for passengers connecting to Phase 2a, and whether new railway stations, improvements to existing railway stations, and the reopening of associated lines is necessary to support passenger connections to Phase 2a.

Responses to this consultation will help inform Government policy on HS2 Phase 2a and the environment and on future proposals for services on HS2 Phase 2a and the conventional rail (i.e. Network Rail network) and other transport networks.

Given the extensive consultation already undertaken for Phase 2a and consideration of the scheme by both Select Committees in Parliament, the Government does not intend to make changes to the Phase 2a scheme or to its planned construction programme in light of this consultation.

This consultation will close at **11:45pm on Friday, 26 February 2021**. We invite you to take part.

To access the consultation documents and for details on how to respond, please visit:
www.hs2.org.uk/phase2a

If you have any questions related to this consultation, please contact the our **Helpdesk** on **08081 434 434** or email HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk at any time.

Kind regards,

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