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Dear Sir/Madam,

Justine Greening, the Transport Secretary has confirmed that the Government is going ahead with plans for a high speed rail network (High Speed 2), with the aim of depositing a hybrid Bill for the Phase 1, London to West Midlands, by the end of 2013.

Our first task will be to develop the engineering and design of the London to West Midlands route and carry out an Environmental Impact Assessment in preparation for the hybrid Bill. We want to work closely with local communities to develop the design in a way which will minimise potential impacts and identify opportunities for local communities to benefit from the project.

Community forums

Background

On 1st February I wrote to the Local Authorities, Districts, Boroughs & Parishes along the line of route from London to the West Midlands outlining HS2 Ltd's plans for engaging with local communities through community forums as one way of having effective dialogue. We shared with them our ideas for twenty three community forums. Responding to feedback from these organisations we have changed the divisions of the forums and increased their number to 25. Please see the attached map.

In the 1st February letter we asked the Local Authorities, Districts, Boroughs & Parishes for their suggestions for membership. We anticipated that the following groups could be potential members of the forums: official level at Parish, Boroughs, Local Authority, District councils, resident groups, local action groups, local business groups, transport bodies, local environmental/heritage groups, schools/educational facilities, local representative from farmers/landowners, MP's, Councillors, HS2 Ltd.

From the suggestions from Counties, Districts, Boroughs and Parishes coupled with our contacts from the previous consultation we have formed the basis of initial membership lists. These membership lists are just a starting



point for membership. We will discuss membership in detail at the initial meeting, asking who else should be on the forum. We feel it is important that each community forum is representative of the local area and moving forward it will be for each forum to decide membership.

In the meantime if any key local groups or representatives have been missed off the following list, please let us know.

Current

We would like to invite a representative from your organisation to work with us within the Great Missenden, South Health and Wendover community forum.

We have invited representatives from the following groups:

- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Chiltern District Council
- Ellesborough Parish Council
- Great Missenden Parish Council
- Great Missenden Parish Revitalisation Group
- Great Missenden Stop HS2
- HP22 6PN Wendover Action Group
- Hyde Heath Action Group
- Hyde Heath Infant School
- Little Kingshill Village Society
- Potter Row Action Group
- South Heath Action Group
- Speen Area Action Group
- The Chiltern Ridges HS2 Action Group
- The Dunsmore Society
- The Lee Parish Council
- The Wendover Society
- Wendover HS2 Action Group
- Wendover Parish Council
- Wycombe District Council

We hope as a representative of the local community you will work with us to:

- identify local priorities for the next stage of design
- discuss potential ways to avoid and mitigate the impacts of the route such as managing noise and reinstating highways
- explore opportunities for possible community benefits linked to HS2 project
- inform the local community about HS2 proposals and consultations



We propose the following date for the initial meeting:

Tuesday 20th March from 7:30pm to 8:30pm

At

Wendover Library Room, High Street, Wendover HP22 6DU

In the future the community forum will agree the most appropriate date and time for the next meeting and the most appropriate venue between all the members.

We want to set-up a collaborative approach where community concerns and priorities lead the agenda. The consultation responses in your area have given us an indication of some of the issues you may like to discuss with us. In the first meeting, we look to clarify these issues and understand any other concerns you may have, as well as establishing the terms of the forum.

Please let us know if you would like to be a member on the community forum, if you can make the initial forum and who will be there as your representative. Please send this information to community.forums@hs2.gsi.gov.uk.

An agenda, venue and details of the chair to follow.

If you have any questions please email community.forums@hs2.gsi.gov.uk or call my team on 0207 9440781.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alison Munro', written in a cursive style.

Alison Munro
CHIEF EXECUTIVE