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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL RESPONSE TO THE HS2
CONSULTATION**

Please find attached the substantive response of Derbyshire County Council to your consultation on the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement and Equality Impact Assessment. You will note that the County Council has made representation on all published documents and has also supplied a substantial number of appendices and annexes which support the Council's position.

The Council's detailed response on the HS2 Working Draft Environmental Statement is set out in the following way:

Question 1: What comments do you have on the information presented in the Working Draft Environmental Statement?

The County Council has provided comments on each of the following documents:

Volume 1 Introduction and Methodology

WDES Volume 2 general comments

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA05: Ratcliffe-on-Soar to Long Eaton

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA06: Stapleford to Nuthall

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA07: Hucknall to Selston

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA08: Pinxton to Newton and Huthwaite

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA09: Stonebroom to Clay Cross

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA10: Tibshelf to Shuttlewood

Volume 2 Community Area Report LA11: Staveley to Aston

Volume 2 Community Area Report MML01: Danesmoor to Brierley Bridge

Volume 2 Community Area Report MML02: Unstone Green to Sheffield Station

Volume 3: Route -wide Effects

Volume 4 Off Route Effects

Alternatives Report

Draft Code of Construction Practice

Question 2: Do you have any suggestions about the additional information or assessments that should be included in the Environmental Statement?

Yes. The Council's suggestions are presented in its response to each of the above documents.

Question 3: Do you have any other comments?

The Council has provided commentary of the overall process and its strategic concerns at the front of its response to Volume1.

It has not been possible to conduct a full analysis of the WDES due to the relatively short consultation period and limited available data. It is the Council's expectation that HS2 Ltd pay due attention to the concerns raised in its response, addresses each point and mitigates accordingly prior to the deposit of the full ES. It is also expected that HS2 Ltd engages directly and meaningfully with the Council in the preparation of work leading to the formal Environmental Statement. This will ensure a robust proposal that communities can have confidence in and may negate the necessity to see amendments through the Parliamentary process in the Commons and Lords.

The County Council's response to the questions raised on the draft Equality Impact Assessment is set out as follows:

Question 1: What comments do you have on the information presented in the Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment Report?

See Council's EIA response document for details.

Question 2: Are there any aspects of the HS2 phase 2b, not already identified in the Working Draft Equality Impact Assessment Report, which you believe may give rise to a greater or different impact on people with protected characteristics (as defined by the Equality Act 2010) when compared to the general population?

Yes - See Councils EIA response document for details

Question 3: Do you have any other comments?

It is the Council's expectation that HS2 Ltd pays due attention to the concerns raised in the attached response, addresses each point and mitigates accordingly through active engagement with County Council prior to the deposit of the hybrid bill.

I very much look forward to a period of active engagement with HS2 Ltd going forward.

Yours sincerely

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