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Government Consultation on HS2 – Response from Derbyshire Local Authorities

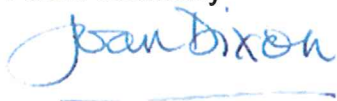
Please find enclosed Derbyshire County Council's response to Government consultation on Phase 2 of HS2. This feedback also takes into account the views of Derbyshire's District and Borough Councils and specialist advisers. The County Council welcomes this opportunity to comment on the proposed scheme and this response focuses on the planned West Midlands to Leeds section of the route, highlighting how the project will impact on the wider Derbyshire community.

Our submission comprises a Derbyshire County Council Cabinet Report of 21 January 2014, a detailed main report and accompanying appendices. It emphasises the potential benefits for the local economy, but also requests that full consideration be given to any adverse impacts of the scheme. The County Council also welcomes Ministerial announcement for a further education college and considers that Derby and Derbyshire, with its long-established links with the rail industry, would provide a natural location for such an establishment.

The Leaders of Derbyshire County and Derby City Councils have written to you separately on this matter.

Thank you again for this opportunity to help influence and shape this exciting initiative and I look forward to the outcome of consultation and the Secretary of State's decisions, on both counts, in due course.

Yours faithfully



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Cabinet Member for Jobs, Economy and Transport