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Dear CLlr Clowes,

**HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE:  
PETITION P2A-000 083 – THE WYBUNBURY COMBINED PARISHES NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
STEERING GROUP, DODDINGTON & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL, HOUGH & CHORLTON PARISH  
COUNCIL, HATHERTON & WALGHERTON PARISH COUNCIL, WYBUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL,  
WESTON & BASFORD PARISH COUNCIL**

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Director of Hybrid Bill Delivery at HS2 Ltd, which is acting on behalf of the Promoter of the High Speed Rail (West Midlands-Crewe) Bill ('the Bill') currently before Parliament. I understand that you raised a number of concerns about the impact of Phase 2A of HS2 (known as 'the Proposed Scheme') and have submitted a petition on that basis against the Bill in the House of Commons.

### **HS2 construction traffic**

As discussed during your recent call with Martin Wells and Kate Lawton, we have reviewed the utilisation of the proposed haul route, indicated on the plan appended to this letter at Annex A. With the provision of additional land and modification to the connection to the A500 it would be possible to upgrade the haul route to be utilised by HS2 HGV construction traffic.

This should substantially reduce HS2 HGV construction traffic along the route proposed to use Den Lane/Wrinehill Road and Checkley Lane, except during the initial construction set up period when the proposed haul route would be built. Once the proposed haul route is operational, it is anticipated there would be occasional HS2 HGVs using the local road network. It is also expected that there would still be a need for worker trips to access the compounds.

In light of this development, I am now writing to you on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to offer you the following assurance:

In this assurance:

“the nominated undertaker” refers to the body or bodies appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the powers conferred under the Bill to construct and maintain the scheme. The nominated undertaker may be HS2 Ltd, or it may be another body or bodies appointed to oversee the construction and operation of Phase 2A; and

“the Bill” means the High Speed Rail (West-Midlands) to Crewe Bill as deposited in the House of Commons on 17 July 2017.

“In order to reduce the number HS2 construction traffic vehicles on the local road network, the Promoter shall use reasonable endeavours to promote an Additional Provision to the Bill to upgrade the proposed internal site haul route, as shown indicatively on the plan carrying reference Annex A, such that it is capable of being utilised by HS2 HGV construction traffic.”

An Additional Provision (AP) is essentially a Bill in its own right, so will have its own plans and sections, supplementary environmental information and supporting documents. More information can be found in HS2 Phase 2A Information Paper B11, Additional Provisions<sup>1</sup>. Once the AP has been submitted there will be a fresh petitioning period for those whose property or interests are directly affected by it. Those who have already petitioned the Bill would not have to pay the petitioning fee again to petition against the AP. It is expected that the AP would be submitted at the end of the year, although exact timing has yet to be confirmed. The detail of the change would be developed over the coming months as the AP is prepared.

If accepted, the assurance set out above will be included in the Register of Undertakings and Assurances, which is held by the Department for Transport. Drafts of the Register will be published regularly during the passage of the Bill and it will be finalised after Royal Assent. A nominated undertaker will be contractually obliged to comply with all relevant undertakings and assurances set out in the Register. Further information on how the Secretary of State will ensure compliance with assurances made by HS2 Ltd is set out in HS2 Phase 2A Information Paper B5, Compliance with Undertakings and Assurances<sup>2</sup>.

### **Wynbunbury Tower**

I trust that the proposals for the haul road should provide further comfort in relation to the concerns raised during the call about Wynbunbury Tower. We would be happy to contact the Tower Trust to discuss this further.

### **Wynbunbury Moss**

We note your request and are happy to speak further to Natural England about this matter.

I hope that the information set out above in relation to the issues raised in your petition to the House of Commons gives you the comfort required in order to withdraw their petition. Petitions may be withdrawn by sending an email or letter to the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons informing the Clerk to the Select Committee that you wish to withdraw the petition<sup>1</sup>.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact Kate Lawton, Petition Manager, on 020 7944 0790 and [kate.lawton@HS2.org.uk](mailto:kate.lawton@HS2.org.uk).

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<sup>1</sup> A copy of which can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-information-papers>

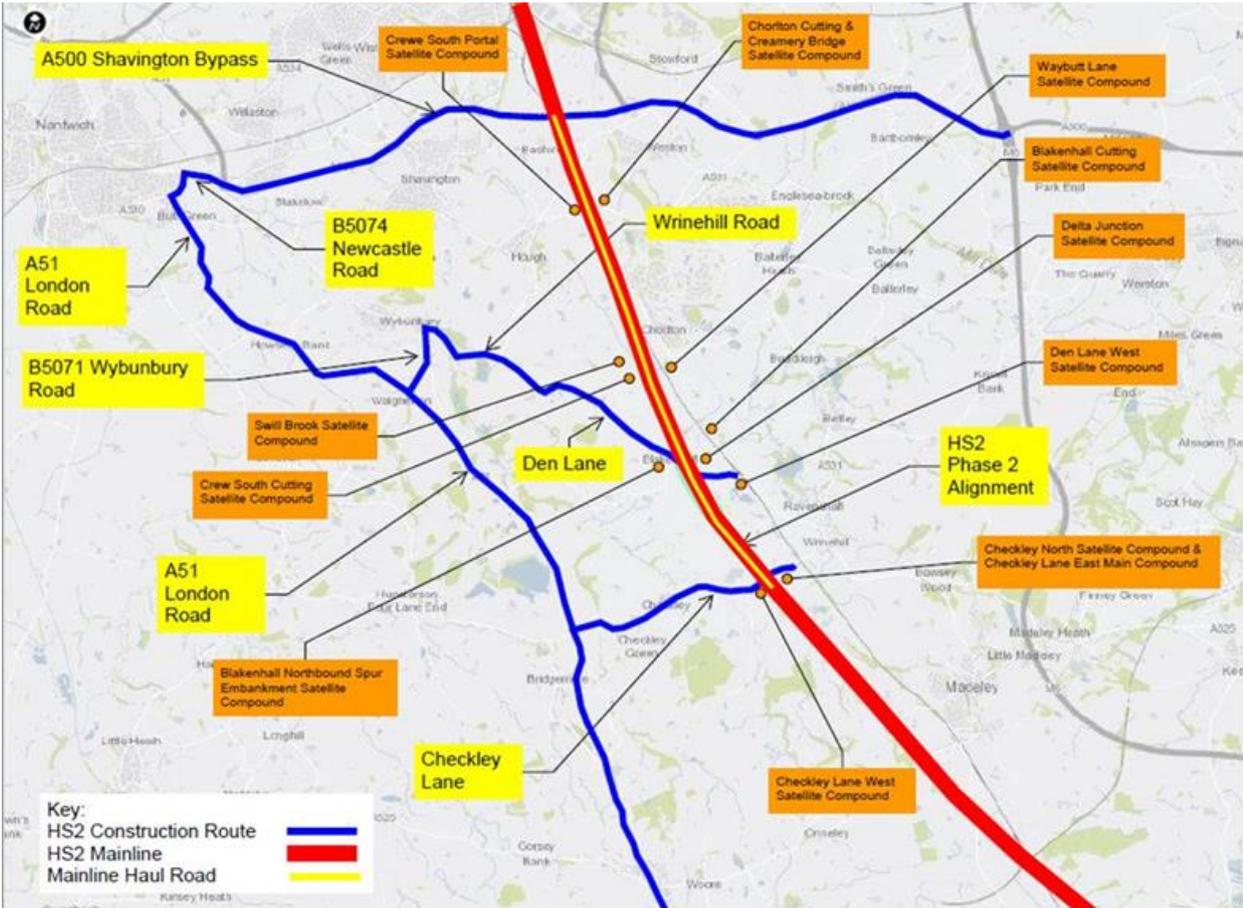
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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'O Bayne', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Oliver Bayne**  
Director, Hybrid Bill Delivery  
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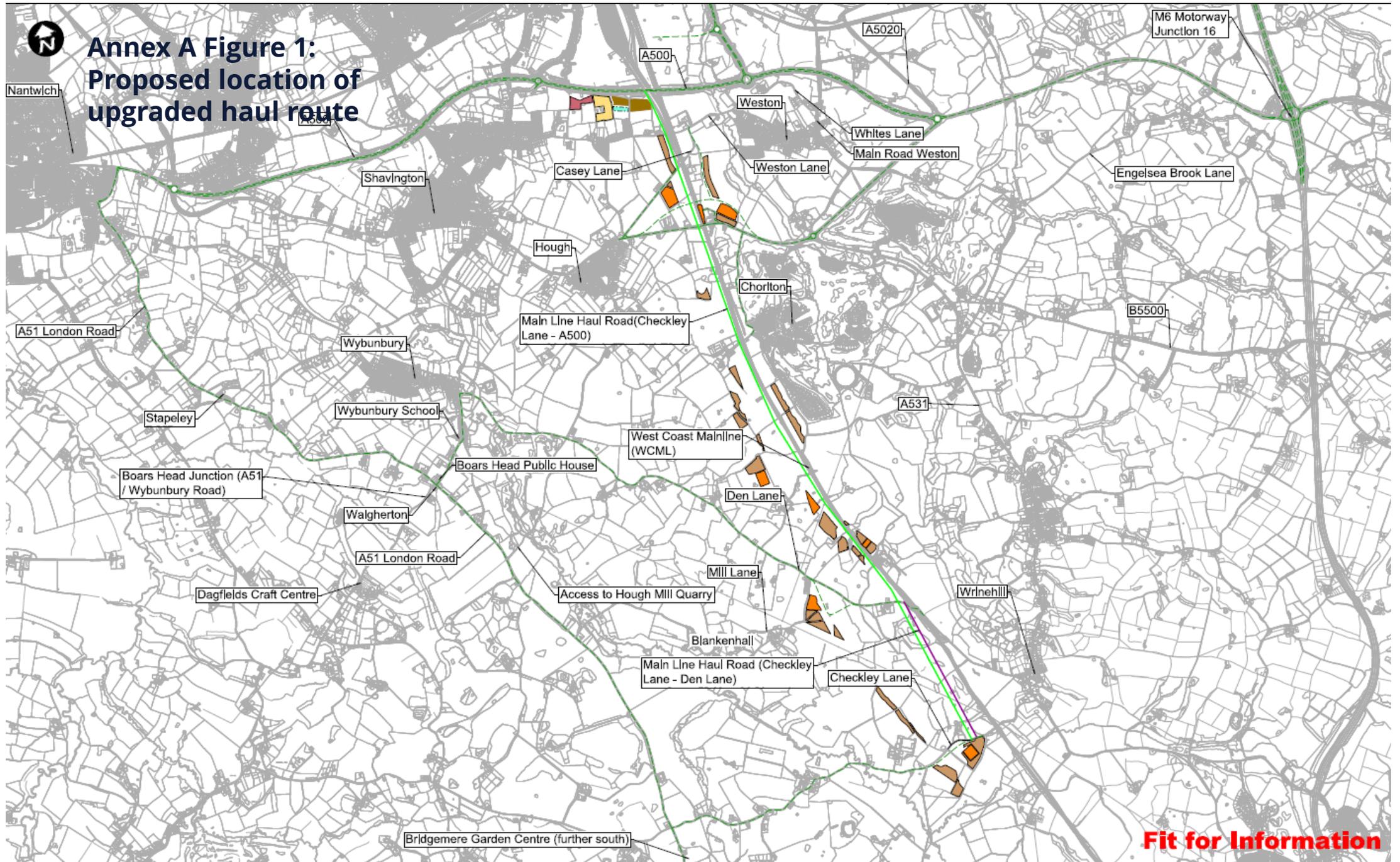
Annex A



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<sup>i</sup> <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/high-speed-rail-west-midlands-crewe-bill-select-committee-commons/contact-us-17-19/>

# Annex A Figure 1: Proposed location of upgraded haul route



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