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Dear Robert,

HS2

Following the Environmental Audit Committee’s earlier inquiry and report on *HS2 and the Environment*, we have received the attached letter from Cheryl Gillan MP. I am writing to the HS2 Bill Select Committee and HS2 Limited about the issues involved, but I would also welcome your perspective on the two fundamental questions she raises: whether the Aarhus Convention applies to the current hybrid bill parliamentary process, and, if so, whether the Convention’s obligations have been met.

We would welcome any thoughts you have on the other points raised in Cheryl Gillan’s letter. We would also like to know what plans the Government has to produce a Supplementary Environmental Statement as and when additional analysis on environmental impacts is produced, and for further undertaking public consultation on any such additional environmental information?

I am copying this letter to Cheryl Gillan MP, HS2 Limited and to the HS2 Bill Committee.


Joan Walley MP  
Chair