Dear Simon,

HS2

The Environmental Audit Committee has received the attached letter from Cheryl Gillan MP. We would welcome your views on that letter as well as your response to the following questions:

When do you propose to publish a further Environmental Statement that addresses shortcomings and gaps in the original Environmental Statement identified by public consultation comments and summarised by the Golder Associates Report?

What plans do you have to address the 40% of the route that, you told us during our HS2 inquiry, had not been subject to ecological survey when the original Environmental Statement was published? When will further ecological information on the remainder of the route be available, and when will it be published and consulted upon?

What unpublished environmental information have you made available to the HS2 Bill Select Committee, and when will that be made available to the public as required under the Aarhus Convention on Access to Environmental Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters?

I am copying this letter to Cheryl Gillan MP, Robert Syms MP and to Robert Goodwill MP.

Sincerely,

Joan Walley MP
Chair