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Environmental Mitigation Map

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Oakhanger Hall - Environmental Mitigation Map (Hybrid Bill)

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Green Gonsley

West Coast Main Line (WCML)

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Dear Mr Rimmer,

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE:
PETITION P2A-000075 – DAVID, SARAH, EDWARD, PAUL AND JOHN SUTTON

Following the appearance of the National Farmers Union (NFU) before the HS2 Phase 2A House of Commons Select Committee (‘the Select Committee’) on 30 April 2018, the Promoter informed the Select Committee that it would be contacting agricultural petitioners to explain the justification for the location of the proposed environmental mitigation that has been identified within their land holdings. The information provided below sets out the reasons why environmental mitigation is proposed within the Bill on the Petitioners’ land, the rationale for its proposed location, and planned engagement with landowners during the detailed design stage regarding these matters.

*Grassland habitat creation*

There are five parcels of proposed grassland habitat creation area within the petitioner’s farm holding, with a combined area of approximately 12 ha in size. A description and justification of each of the parcels within the petitioners’ holding is provided below:

The area of proposed grassland habitat creation by the Blakenhall Northbound Spur embankment is approximately 4.3 ha in size, with approximately 2.7 ha within the petitioners’ land holding. The mitigation is primarily for the creation great crested newt habitat, which will be lost as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme. This site will be established prior to the commencement of the construction of the main works, to enable great crested newts to be moved before site clearance. Such areas will be targeted at providing new areas of habitat of principal importance as defined under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The area of grassland habitat creation east of the West Coast Main Line near to Blakenhall Footpath 7 Diversion, is approximately 2.5 ha in size. The mitigation is primarily for the creation great crested newt habitat, which will be lost as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme. This site will be
established prior to the commencement of construction of the main works, to enable great crested newts to be moved before site clearance. Such areas will be targeted at providing new areas of habitat of principal importance as defined under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The area of grassland habitat creation by Gonsley Green Farm is approximately 1.6 ha in size. The mitigation is primarily for the creation great crested newt habitat, which will be lost as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme. This site will be established prior to the commencement of the construction of the main works, to enable great crested newts to be moved before site clearance. Such areas will be targeted at providing new areas of habitat of principal importance as defined under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The area of grassland habitat creation by Land End Farm near Foot Path 1, is approximately 1.7 ha in size. The mitigation is primarily for the creation great crested newt habitat, which will be lost as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme. This site will be established prior to the commencement of the construction of the main works, to enable great crested newts to be moved before site clearance. Such areas will be targeted at providing new areas of habitat of principal importance as defined under Section 41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006.

The area of grassland habitat creation adjacent to the west of the West Coast Main Line at Chorlton, is approximately 3.5 ha in size. It has been designed to replace lost grassland habitat south east of Heath Farm, as a result of the construction of Proposed Scheme.

Consideration of the location of areas of grassland habitat creation will include the topography, drainage, aspect, and underlying soil type of the local area. There will be potential for grassland habitats to be returned to agricultural use provided such activities are in line with the maintenance, management and monitoring plans.

**Woodland Habitat Creation**

There are three parcels of proposed woodland habitat creation areas located within the petitioners’ holding, with a combined area of approximately 2.4 ha. A description and justification of each of the parcels within the petitioners’ holding is as follows:

The area of proposed woodland habitat creation located near Chorlton Foot Path 11 diversion, by the proposed Chorlton retaining wall, is approximately 0.9 ha in size. This area of woodland habitat creation has been designed to minimise the loss of woodland habitats as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme and to aid integration of the railway infrastructure into the landscape.

The area of proposed woodland habitat creation located to the west of the Proposed Scheme at Chorlton, is approximately 1.3 ha in size. This area of woodland habitat creation has been designed to replace woodland habitats lost as a result of the construction of the Proposed Scheme and provide visual screening adjacent to attenuation pond area.
The area of proposed woodland habitat creation located to the rear of properties on Weston Lane, is approximately 2.2 ha in size, with approximately 0.2 ha located within the petitioners' land holding. This area of woodland habitat creation has been designed to mitigate the loss of woodland habitats as a result of construction of the Proposed Scheme, and to provide woodland planting for habitat connectivity.

*Landscape mitigation planting*

The Promoter aims to design a high speed railway that meets modern standards of design, which will include landscape planting to reduce visual impacts on nearby dwellings and communities, and to assist in integrating the scheme into the wider landscape. Within the petitioners' land holding approximately 17.2 ha of landscape mitigation planting has been proposed. A description and justification of each of the areas provided as follows.

To the west of the Proposed Scheme, between the proposed Blakenhall viaduct to Chorlton Lane, approximately 7.7 ha of landscape mitigation planting is proposed. This has been designed to screen views of the railway infrastructure associated with the HS2 Spur from views to the west of the scheme, and to assist in integrating it into the surrounding landscape. This landscape mitigation planting provides the additional function of habitat creation.

Between the Proposed Scheme and the West Coast Main Line, approximately 3.2 ha of landscape mitigation planting is proposed. This has been designed to integrate the Proposed Scheme into the surrounding landscape and provides the additional function of habitat creation.

To the east of the West Coast Main Line, approximately 4.8 ha of landscape mitigation planting is proposed. This has been designed to screen views of the railway infrastructure associated with the realigned West Coast Main Line and the HS2 Spur and to assist in integrating it into the surrounding landscape.

To the west of the proposed Newcastle Road Overbridge, approximately 1.5 ha of landscape mitigation planting is proposed. This has been designed to screen views of the access track and two balancing ponds, from views west of the scheme, and properties along Casey Lane.

*Hedgerow habitat creation*

Hedgerow habitat creation are proposed primarily for ecological purposes to mitigate for the loss of hedgerows in the area as a result of construction, or improve the ecological value of existing hedgerows by additional planting and management. The reinstatement of hedgerows also play an important role in landscape mitigation and assisting to integrate the Proposed Scheme within the surrounding landscape.

The Promoter will continue to engage with landowners who are directly affected by the Proposed Scheme in order to discuss the proposals within the Bill, and the developing design. This engagement will continue into the detailed design, as set out within the Farmers and Growers Guide.

*Approach to environmental mitigation*

The Promoter has a legal and regulatory obligation to provide specific habitats for protected species that may be affected by the Proposed Scheme. These include species such as bats, great crested newt, otter, water vole, badger and barn owl. Where habitats of principal importance as listed under section
41 of the Natural Environment and Rural Communities Act 2006 would be lost, opportunities to create new compensatory habitat have been included.

The proposed mitigation measures have been identified by regularly reviewing the likely significant adverse environmental effects identified during the environmental assessment process and considering these at design workshops within the HS2 Ltd project teams. This has involved a multi-disciplinary approach to the design of the scheme. Consideration of mitigation is taken on a site by site basis, using information from ecology surveys, farm impact assessments, flood mapping and landscape assessment to feed into the overall mitigation strategy.

Due to the challenges and time in associated with establishing new habitat, the fundamental principle is that larger areas of new habitat creation are required to compensate for the loss of existing high quality habitat. It is also an important ecological principle that the new habitats should be as close as possible to the area of habitat affected. This is why it is not always possible to avoid locating new habitats on best and most versatile land.

The use of farm land for the purposes of landscape planting and creation of new ecological habitat within the railway corridor is inevitable with a project of the size of the Proposed Scheme because of the extent of the environmental effects on the areas it goes through. The Promoter has sought to limit disturbance to agricultural holdings and farm management, and to use severed areas for ecological mitigation and tree planting, where reasonably practicable.

The Promoter would continue to engage with landowners who are directly affected by the Proposed Scheme in order to discuss the proposals within the Bill, and the developing design. This engagement would continue into the detailed design phase, as set out in the HS2 Phase 2A Farmers and Growers Guide. In my letter of 2 May 2018 we offered assurances to the NFU on a range of matters including the detailed design of works. These assurances are subject to ongoing discussions with the NFU. A representative of your company met with us on 2 May 2018 to discuss these assurances.

**Detailed design assurance offered to the NFU**

In particular, I draw your attention to the following assurance that the Promoter has offered to the National Farmers Union -

“16.1. Prior to the completion of the detailed design of the works authorised by the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill (“the Bill”), the Secretary of State will require the Nominated Undertaker to consult an owner/tenant of an agricultural holding regarding the detailed design of works proposed to be constructed upon any part of that holding under the powers of the Bill and the use of land for the provision of ecological and any other mitigation that does not involve the construction of works.

16.2. The Nominated Undertaker shall have regard to the responses received to the consultation undertaken under paragraph 16.1 above and in so far as reasonably practicable, after taking into account all other relevant factors, including other relevant Undertaking and Assurances, associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation of those works and other ecological or other mitigation,

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16.2.1 seek to minimise the loss of Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land as described in the Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales, published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in October 1988; and

16.2.2 seek to accommodate reasonable proposals from the relevant owner/tenant to modify the detailed design of the works or provision of other ecological mitigation for the purposes of facilitating the efficient management of the agricultural holding in question following the completion of construction of the works.

16.3. In this assurance, “works” means the construction within Bill limits of accommodation works, landscaping and other mitigation works, drainage works and the construction of balancing ponds, embankments, bunds and made-up ground required for Phase 2a purposes.

16.4. Nothing in this assurance shall require any modification to the works which gives rise to any significant impact on the environment which has not been addressed in the Environmental Statement for the HS2 Project but that does not preclude consideration being given to any proposals for such modifications."

I hope that the information set out above gives you comfort in relation to the justification for the proposed ecological mitigation raised in your petition. Should you wish to receive an assurance from the Promoter in these terms, please let me know.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jess Brooke, Petition Manager, on 07388 850964 or jess.brooke@HS2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

Oliver Bayne
Director, Hybrid Bill Delivery
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited
Dear David, Sarah, Edward, Paul and John Sutton

11 June 2018

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE:
PETITION P2A - 075 – DAVID, SARAH, EDWARD, PAUL AND JOHN SUTTON – OAKHANGER HALL,
TAYLORS LANE, OAKHANGER, CREWE, CW1 5XD

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 have 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.

As you may be aware, a number of written assurances have been offered to the National Farmers Union (NFU). These are set out in Part A of Annex A to my letter of 2 May 2018 to the NFU. These assurances cover the following matters: provision of an agricultural liaison service; the prompt payment of compensation by the Promoter; arrangements for paying estimated claims for compensation; relocation matters; liability and claims arising from the Phase 2A works; private water supplies; and borrow pits. Further discussions are taking place with the NFU and the set of assurances offered on 2 May 2018 in Part A of Annex A may be updated following those discussions.

Although expressed to be for the benefit of NFU these assurances will benefit farmers and rural business owners affected by Phase 2A works.

These assurances will be included in a 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.

In addition to the above, you will see that Part B of my letter of 2 May 2018 includes a number of assurances that we have said will be issued to farmers or rural business owner petitioners on a case by case basis. I am therefore also writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to formally offer you a number of specific assurances in response to the following issues raised in your petition:

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In these assurances, “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.

**Detailed design**

1.1. Prior to the completion of the detailed design of the works authorised by the High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill ("the Bill"), the Secretary of State will require the Nominated Undertaker to consult an owner/tenant of an agricultural holding regarding the detailed design of works proposed to be constructed upon any part of that holding under the powers of the Bill and the use of land for the provision of ecological and any other mitigation that does not involve the construction of works.

1.2. The Nominated Undertaker shall have regard to the responses received to the consultation undertaken under paragraph 1.1 and in so far as reasonably practicable, after taking into account all other relevant factors, including other relevant Undertaking and Assurances, associated with the design, construction, maintenance and operation of those works and other ecological or other mitigation,

1.2.1 seek to minimise the loss of Grade 1, 2 and 3a agricultural land as described in the Agricultural Land Classification of England and Wales, published by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in October 1988; and

1.2.2 seek to accommodate reasonable proposals from the relevant owner/tenant to modify the detailed design of the works or provision of other ecological mitigation for the of facilitating the efficient management of the agricultural holding in question following the completion of construction of the works.

1.3. In this assurance, “works” means the construction within Bill limits of accommodation works, landscaping and other mitigation works, drainage works and the construction of balancing ponds, embankments, bunds and made-up ground required for Phase 2A purposes.

1.4. Nothing in this assurance shall require any modification to the works which gives rise to any significant impact on the environment which has not been addressed in the Environmental Statement for the HS2 Project but that does not preclude consideration being given to any proposals for such modifications.

**Agricultural soils**

2.1. The Secretary of State will require the Nominated Undertaker to work with landowners and farmers whose productive agricultural soils are temporarily affected by the construction of the HS2 works and/or are affected temporarily as a result of land-raising, with the intention to bring agricultural soils back to enable their former use before construction of the HS2 works on the relevant land and shall prepare in consultation with the relevant landowner and relevant planning authority an agricultural soils plan in advance of construction that shall include:-

- A pre-disturbance record of the soil physical characteristics;
- A target specification, set by the Nominated Undertaker and informed by a suitably qualified agricultural soils scientist or practitioner, for agricultural soils being restored to agriculture after temporary use;
• A method of assessing the suitability of handling soils based on plastic limit (i.e. to avoid moving soils when wet and plastic so that they would not compact when replaced);
• Advice on stripping topsoil and subsoil to the correct depth;
• Recommendations of the most suitable equipment for soil handling;
• Advice on soil storage (e.g. heights and management of soil stores);
• Advice on alleviating compaction after replacement;
• A schedule of aftercare maintenance, to include soil testing, appropriate to the target specification for a period of up to five years (subject to paragraph 2.2) following completion of the relevant construction work; and
• A final report to determine the final handover condition of the agricultural soil.

2.2. Should the target specification not be met by the expiry of the period of five years for aftercare maintenance mentioned in paragraph 2.1 (“the initial period”), then, if the landowner has fully complied with a schedule of aftercare, the Nominated Undertaker, informed by a suitably qualified agricultural soils scientist or practitioner, has reasonable grounds to believe that the target specification could be met within a further period (being no longer than a further period of five years), and the initial period shall be extended by that period.

2.3. The reasonable cost of compliance by the relevant landowner with the schedule of aftercare shall be borne by the Nominated Undertaker save where such cost has been compensated under the compensation code.

2.4. The agricultural soils plan will be incorporated in and prepared as part of the Code of Construction.

Notices of entry and taking possession

3.1. Notwithstanding the requirements under the Bill to give 3 months’ notice of entry in relation to the outright acquisition of land, where reasonably practicable, the Nominated Undertaker will provide a longer period of notice to the Petitioner in respect of any of the Petitioner’s land to be acquired outright under the Bill.

3.2. Notwithstanding the requirements under the Bill to give 28 days’ notice of entry under Part 1 of Schedule 15 in relation to the temporary occupation of land the Nominated Undertaker will use reasonable endeavours, and in advance of any formal notification required under the Bill, to notify the Petitioner of the expected quarter of the calendar year in which the Petitioner’s land is planned to be occupied temporarily under the Bill.

3.3. Following the receipt by the Nominated Undertaker of the programme of works from the relevant works contractor in relation to the Petitioner’s land, the Promoter will provide to, and discuss with, the Petitioner an estimate of the likely period of occupation of the Petitioner’s land and shall from time to time update the Petitioner with further information as to the likely extent of the period of temporary occupation.”

If accepted, these further assurances will be included 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 Assurances².

² A copy can be found at https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/understanding-the-hybrid-bill-hs2-phase-2a-informationpapers
It is hoped that these further assurances will address some of the issues raised in your petition and we may write to you further regarding any issues not addressed by these assurances. In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jess Brooke, Senior Property Acquisition Manager, on jess.brooke@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Director, Hybrid Bill Delivery
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited
Dear Mr Rimmer,

HIGH SPEED RAIL (WEST MIDLANDS – CREWE) BILL – HOUSE OF COMMONS SELECT COMMITTEE: PETITION HS2-P2A-000075 – DAVID, SARAH, EDWARD, PAUL AND JOHN SUTTON

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 your clients have 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.

As you may be aware, a number of written assurances have been offered to the National Farmers Union (NFU). These are set out in Part A of Annex A to my letter of 31 May 2018 to the NFU. These assurances cover the following matters: provision of an agricultural liaison service; agricultural land acquired for the purposes of the permanent railway corridor; the prompt payment of compensation by the Promoter; arrangements for paying estimated claims for compensation; relocation matters; liability and claims arising from the Phase 2A works; private water supplies; and borrow pits.

Although expressed to be for the benefit of NFU these assurances will benefit farmers and rural business owners affected by Phase 2A works.

These assurances will be included in a 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.

In addition to the above, you will see that Part B of my letter of 31 May 2018 includes a number of assurances that we have said will be issued to farmers or rural business owner petitioners on a case by case basis. I am therefore also writing to you, on behalf of the Secretary of State for Transport, to formally offer your clients a number of specific assurances in response to the following issues raised in their petition, in addition to those in my letter of 11 June 2018:

- Assurance No. 1, 2 and 3 as per Powers of Temporary Possession (paragraph 6-9, 37-40, 55-56)


18 June 2018

[Address redacted]
In these assurances, “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.

1. **Land acquisition - Where land is materially changed but there is no need for maintenance of that change**

1.1 Subject to the Petitioner entering an agreement in a form satisfactory to the Secretary of State which provides that the Property Gonsley Farm need not be restored to its former condition following completion of construction activity on the land, the Secretary of State shall not exercise the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to the Property Gonsley Farm but instead the Nominated Undertaker may exercise the powers of Schedule 15 to the Bill to enter and take temporary possession of the Property.

1.2 In this assurance “Petitioner” means a Petitioner who is the freehold owner and occupier of land which is the proposed subject of an agreement referred to in this assurance.

2. **Land acquisition - Where land is materially changed and there is a need for an obligation to maintain**

2.1 Provided that-

2.1.1 the Petitioner enters into an agreement in a form satisfactory to the Secretary of State which--

2.1.1.1 provides that the Property Gonsley Farm need not be restored to its former condition following completion of construction activity on the land; and

2.1.1.2 restricts removal or interference with land or works adjoining the railway which are to provide support or protection to the railway; and

2.1.1.3 provides for the maintenance of the environmental mitigation to be provided on that land; [and

2.1.2 the Secretary of State is satisfied that the Petitioner is an appropriate person, having regard to the nature and objectives of the mitigation required to be provided, to be responsible for securing the maintenance of that mitigation;]

[N.B. only relevant where this is a site identified for ecological mitigation]

the Secretary of State shall not exercise the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to the Property but instead the Nominated Undertaker may exercise the powers of Schedule 15 to the Bill to enter and take temporary possession of the Property.

2.2 In this assurance “Petitioner” means a Petitioner who is the freehold owner and occupier of land which is the proposed subject of an agreement referred to in this assurance.
3. **Land acquisition – Where land is occupied temporarily but the Petitioner requests the Secretary of State to acquire**

3.1 Where the Nominated Undertaker exercises powers of temporary occupation over land under the Bill which is subject to compulsory acquisition and the Nominated Undertaker proposes to the Petitioner that the Petitioner enters into an agreement with the Secretary of State for the purposes of assurances 3.1 and 4.1, the Petitioner may at any time prior to entry into an agreement under assurances 3.1 and 4.1, make a written request to the Nominated Undertaker to request that the Secretary of State exercises the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to the Property.

3.2 On receipt of a request pursuant to paragraph 5.1 the Secretary of State will review the need to acquire the land in question and where he is satisfied that it is required for permanent works for Phase 2a purposes he will give notice of acquisition as soon as is reasonably practicable.

3.3 In reaching a decision pursuant to paragraph 5.2 the Secretary of State will need to be satisfied that necessary rights of access can be secured to the land in question.

3.4 In this assurance “Petitioner” means a Petitioner who is the freehold owner and occupier of land which is the proposed subject of an agreement referred to in this assurance.

4. **Land acquisition - Where land can be identified at this stage as not being required for permanent works and is not materially changed**

4.1 The Secretary of State shall not exercise the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to the Property Gonsley Farm but instead the Nominated Undertaker may exercise the powers of Schedule 15 to the Bill to enter and take temporary possession of the Property.

5. **Land acquisition - Where land cannot be identified at this stage, but it may be possible to do so following detailed design**

5.1 If at the date when it is proposed to implement the powers of the Bill in relation to the Property Gonsley Farm the Secretary of State is satisfied, in the light of detailed design of the project, that any part of the property will not be required for the accommodation of any permanent works authorised by the Bill the Secretary of State shall not exercise the powers of compulsory acquisition conferred by the Bill in relation to that part of the Property but instead the Nominated Undertaker may exercise the powers of Schedule 15 to the Bill to enter and take temporary possession of the Property.

6. **Drainage**

6.1 The Nominated Undertaker will identify with the farmer existing drainage arrangements on the holding. This will include the carrying out, where reasonable, of inspections of the site and of any existing plans.

6.2 The location of drains cut or disturbed by the construction works will be recorded by the Nominated Undertaker.

6.3 The Nominated Undertaker will utilise appropriate drainage consultants to advise on drainage works and will engage with the farmer in respect of the pre and post drainage schemes that are
required. The Nominated Undertaker will use reasonable endeavours to engage drainage consultants with working knowledge of the local conditions.

6.4 Prior to the commencement of significant construction works, land drains affected by the HS2 works will, where practicable, be intercepted in a manner which maintains their efficiency. Work will be carried out to an appropriate specification after discussion with the farmer which may include the design (e.g. layout, falls, pipe sizes and types, outfall arrangements) and timing of any land drainage works required.

6.5 As-built plans of modifications to existing land drainage and of any new drainage works will be provided to the farmer or the Landowner as appropriate by the Nominated Undertaker.

6.6 Where natural drainage patterns are adversely affected by the HS2 works, the provision of supplementary drainage or irrigation works will be considered having regard to an assessment of compensation and the commercial justification by the farmer.“

If accepted, these further assurances will be included 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.

It is hoped that these further assurances will address some of the issues raised in your petition and we may write to you further regarding any issues not addressed by these assurances. In the meantime if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact Jess Brooke, Senior Property Acquisition Manager, on jess.brooke@hs2.org.uk.

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