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Dear Joan

HS2 Select Committee

Thank you for your letter 13th May. As you know, the Committee met on that day to hear representations on programming and procedure and subsequently also received written representations on these matters.

We have now considered these representations and on Thursday I announced our initial programme of work together with details of our procedures. In the announcement, I set out that we would want to hear from HS2 on the alleged defects in the environmental statement and that we will consider, as our proceedings progress, how best to address other environmental matters.

However, you can rest assured that both petitioners' environmental concerns and the concerns of your committee will be an important element of our deliberations.

Yours ever

Robert Syms
Chairman HS2 Bill Committee

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