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Dear Sir or Madam,

HS2 PHASE ONE: DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT CONSULTATION

I am writing to thank you for your response to the consultation on the draft Environmental Statement for Phase One (London - West Midlands) of HS2, which ran from 16 May to 11 July 2013, and to explain the next steps.

Dialogue by Design, an independent company that specialises in analysing responses to consultations, was asked by HS2 Ltd to produce a summary report of responses to the draft Environmental Statement consultation. This report, "*Draft Environmental Statement: A Summary of Consultation Responses*", provides an account of the issues and themes raised by over 20,000 people who responded to the consultation. This report has now been published and can be viewed on www.gov.uk.

The information provided in responses to the consultation has been considered as part of the Environmental Statement, which was submitted to Parliament alongside the hybrid Bill. If enacted, the hybrid Bill will provide the powers to construct, operate and maintain Phase One of HS2. HS2 Ltd's responses to the issues and themes raised in the consultation on the draft Environmental Statement have been summarised in a report entitled "*Draft Environmental Statement Consultation Summary Report*". This forms appendix CT-008-000 of Volume 5 of the Environmental Statement.

In accordance with parliamentary rules, members of the public and other interested parties are invited to send any comments they have on the Environmental Statement to the Secretary of State for Transport. This is to allow the public and organisations to inform Members of Parliament of their views ahead of Second Reading of the Bill in the House of Commons. The deadline for receipt of these comments is 24 January 2014. The Environmental Statement, as well as details of this process and how to submit your views, can be viewed on www.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Munro', written in a cursive style.

Alison Munro
Chief Executive
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