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Dear Mr Thurston,

HS2 in Stapleford

I am writing to you following a meeting I have had with a number of Broxtowe Borough Councillors who represent Stapleford in my constituency, as well as the new leader of Stapleford Town Council. They raised several concerns about HS2 in Stapleford, which I have set out below, and I would be grateful for any assistance you can provide.

Compensation

Although I successfully campaigned for compensation for residents in Trowell who will be affected by HS2, I am aware that some residents in Stapleford will now be equally affected and do not currently qualify for any compensation. There are some roads that will be particularly affected by the construction of the route and the nearby East Midlands Hub Station. I have been told by councillors that the streets most effected are as follows, but I am certain there will be more: Wellington Street, Bailey Street, West End Street, Derby Road, Brookhill Street, Midland Avenue, Bessell Lane and Kelvin Close.

I would be grateful for an assessment of how these residents will be impacted and for an investigation as to whether they should now qualify for compensation in light of the impact of the route and its construction.

Blockades and traffic disruption

Councillors have raised concerns about the plan to use 24 hour blockades and road closures in and around Stapleford during the construction of the line. One of the roads particularly affected will be Derby Road (the B5010) which will have its road bridge removed during HS2's construction. We would be grateful for more information on plans to minimise disruption during these road closures and a review as to whether alternative routes can be created.

I would also be grateful for any information you can provide on the amount of disruption to Stapleford's roads during construction, including the frequency and number of lorries that using them.

HS2 contact point and model

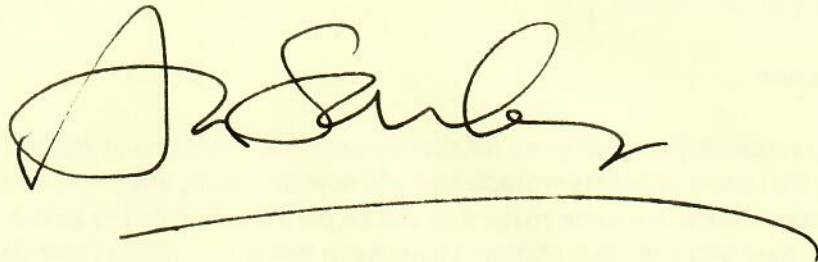
Given the important role that Stapleford will have as the gateway to HS2's East Midlands Hub Station, it has been suggested that a dedicated contact point is set up in the town which can provide information about the project. I have no problem supporting this idea and suggest a simple shop front on the high street may help HS2 to reach out to residents, whilst also providing those who have queries with access to relevant information. I would be grateful for an assessment as to whether this would be possible.

You will be aware that I have for some time been asking for a physical model of the route to assist residents in Trowell who will be affected by HS2. I repeat that request, but I would also like to add another for a model of the route past Stapleford, including the East Midlands Hub Station. This would help the town's residents not only to have a full appreciation of how they will be affected by HS2, but also the great benefits that I believe HS2 can provide.

Tunnel

Finally, I would like to repeat my request for work to be done to assess the possibility of a bored tunnel beneath Broxtowe, with an underground station at Toton Sidings. As you know, I believe that this would be the best way to deliver HS2 in Broxtowe; it would remove the opposition from residents who will be badly affected by the route and the construction; it would save our economy from the majority of disruption caused to major road routes such as the A610 and A52 during construction, and; it would provide more space above ground for the first class investment and transport connectivity that HS2 aspires towards.

Yours



Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

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Cllr John McGrath, Broxtowe Borough Council;
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