Item 14 - HS2 Phase 2b Design Refinement Consultation

Comments from Dr T. Eynon CC

As the Local Member for Coalville North I note the proposal to create a temporary railhead at Sinope that will connect to the Leicester to Burton freight line. In its response to the consultation, I would be grateful if the Authority could take account of the following impacts on my Division and consider how these might be mitigated:

- The A511 is already at capacity and the proposed railhead and the construction of HS2, whilst it will allow bulk materials to be transported efficiently by rail, other items and staff will need to travel to the site by road. This will increase traffic along the A511 making it more difficult for local communities. What mitigation will be requested by this Authority from HS2?

- The proposed temporary railhead will place increased demands on the Leicester to Burton freight line. To what standard will the line be upgraded? How will any upgrade impact on the potential for the reinstatement of the line for passenger transport?

- The construction of HS2 and the railhead may require staff and families working on the project to relocate to the area. How will the healthcare needs of the transient workforce be met? What plans are in place to consider accommodating these families, with particular reference to their need for school places?

- This Authority is the Lead Local Flood Authority. Has the Authority considered the impact of the temporary railhead on local watercourses? How will the risk of flooding be mitigated?

- The proposed railhead is described as temporary and that 'where possible' the land will be returned to its existing use after the railway has been built. What contingencies might make it impossible to return the land to its existing use and what compensation will the community receive if the woodland and grassland is not recoverable?

Thank you for taking these concerns into consideration,

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