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Dear Mr Rogers

Re: High speed rail: Property Compensation consultation 2013 - Phase One

As you may be aware, the Government has given an undertaking to the High Court to consult again on property compensation matters for Phase One of HS2, between London and the West Midlands. I am writing to inform you that this consultation has now been launched and to encourage your Local Authority to take part in it.

It is important that as many people as possible participate in this consultation, which will help shape the type of compensation and support that is made available to property owners affected by Phase One of the high speed network.

We remain committed to listening to the views of people close to the line of route. To ensure that people are aware of the property compensation proposals we are writing to properties within 1 km of the Phase One Hs2 line of route.

Taking part in this consultation

Attached with this letter is a copy of a leaflet that provides summary information about the property compensation proposals upon which comments are sought, along with details of how to respond to the consultation using dedicated response channels.

Information on this consultation, including all the relevant documentation, is available online at www.hsz.org.uk. Paper copies can also be viewed at local libraries that have agreed to display them, the names of which are on the website, or can be requested by contacting 0300 123 1102.

Public information events are being held in each of our 26 community forum areas, details of which are provided in the attached leaflet and are also available online at www.hs2.org.uk. These events will give members of the public the opportunity to find out more about the proposals for compensation and discuss them with HS2 Ltd staff.

This consultation will run until 04 December 2013.

Responses to the 2012 Property and Compensation consultation contain a range of important information that has informed the Government's and HS2 Ltd's understanding of the many themes and issues around property compensation matters. An independent summary report of the issues that were raised through responses to that consultation has now been published and is available to download on our website: www.hs2.org.uk

If you have any additional enquiries or comments, please contact HS2 Public Enquiries Team, details below:

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Yours sincerely,

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CC: Leader of the Council