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Dear Patrick

High Speed Rail 2 Phase One – Major Projects Authority Assessment

It was good to see you at the Rail North Leaders meeting in Manchester. I thought a constructive meeting.

I have been contacted by several of residents regarding the Major Projects Authority (MPA) assessment of HS2.

I understand that the MPA undertook an assessment of HS2 in November 2011 and that you have declined a decision under the Freedom of Information Act to publish the report.

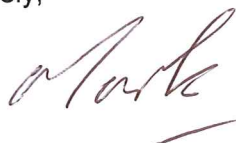
While, I understand the MPA's requirement to be able to discuss aspects privately, there is also clearly significant interest in HS2.

In Staffordshire, we believe it is important to provide our communities with information which empowers them to understand the background to our policies and decisions which affect our residents.

With this in mind, I would ask that you give some consideration to making the MPA report, or possibly a detailed summary, available to members of the public.

I look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,



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