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Dear Mark,

Following our latest correspondence, I would like to thank you for sharing the draft 'Prolonged Disturbance' compensation policy with Camden and other local authorities on the route. As you will be aware, we submitted our comments on the draft policy back to HS2 Ltd last week, ahead of its finalisation and publication.

I understand that all authorities have been asked to submit comments on the draft policy confidentially so that HS2 Ltd is able to communicate with residents on the final policy directly. You will be aware that Camden has always been of the opinion that residents should be allowed to comment on the draft policy before it is finalised.

Whilst we understand the Department of Transport's position that there was consultation on compensation during the Parliamentary stage of the HS2 Act, residents should have sight of the detail of the proposed policy (which was not available at the Parliamentary stage). We believe this is particularly important as we have concerns that there are areas of the current draft policy that do not directly match up to the recommendations made by the House of Lords and we also feel that it does not adequately match the offer provided in rural areas. As such, I reiterate our request for residents to be given an opportunity to comment in advance of the policy launching.

In addition to this, I feel that Camden's comments (and those of other local authorities) should be made public for transparency.

Yours sincerely



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