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My property is located 1km from Boxwell Site of Scientific Interest (SSSI). The property is within 200 metres of the proposed route, 150 metres from the nearest construction site, 225 metres from the nearest vent shaft, and 50 meters from the nearest construction route. The property is elevated compared to the surrounding area, and therefore overlooks the proposed route of HS2. The property will be exposed to visual, noise and light pollution if the proposal goes ahead in its current state.

I work in the nearby town of Tetburn, and part of my commute is along the A4135 which is a designated construction route, with up to 60 construction vehicles per hour. This is already a heavily congested road during rush hour, and this situation will only worsen with construction traffic. As a result, I will also be affected by increased traffic resulting in a longer commute.

How I have engaged with HS2 Ltd

I have engaged with HS2 Ltd for the last 5 years, and raised my concerns numerous ways including at initial consultation meetings, in my Environmental Statement response, and in my petition. I have also emailed HS2 Ltd on 3 occasions; however I have yet to receive a satisfactory response, and therefore have been unable to resolve the issues outlined below.

My issues and remedies

The table below sets out my key issues and proposed remedies to address these issues. Further detail including relevant maps will be presented in my slides.

Issue	My/our proposed remedy
Construction traffic HS2 Ltd has stated that up to 60 construction vehicles per hour will use the A4135 road. This road is already heavily congested during school drop off times and during rush hour. During this time it is very difficult for me to get to or from my work. Additional traffic, particularly large construction vehicles would worsen this situation considerably. This will have significant impacts on the time take for me to commute to and from work.	I propose two potential remedies to reduce this impact. <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Firstly, construction traffic could use the A433 Road instead, which is a larger road with less congestion, and is more suited to heavy goods vehicles. This is likely to be more economically viable for the nominated undertaker, as construction vehicles will be able to get to and from construction sites much quicker.2. Alternatively, the nominated undertaker could agree to not using the A4135 road between 8.00-9.30 am and 3.00-6.00pm. This would reduce the most significant impacts.
Public Rights of Way HS2 Ltd state that the Public Right Of Way BO432	Instead of closing the footpath for two years, and then diverting the route, the nominated

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will be closed for 2 years due to construction, and then diverted 1 km when it re-opens. I use this Public Right Of Way numerous times a week to access local shops, and also for recreational walking. Closing the footpath for two years will be a major inconvenience for me, and will mean I have to drive to access local shops as the alternative option is to walk along a main road. The 1 km diversion when the route re-opens it too far, and will deter me from using this.	undertaker should consider alternative options. I have outlined a suitable option in my slides.
<p>Noise</p> <p>There is a construction site within 150 metres of my property. HS2 Ltd have stated that a range of construction activities will take place here, including excavating cuttings, building embankments, installing the railway and installing signalling and power supply.</p> <p>My house is in a very tranquil area and does not have double glazing. The garden also faces the construction site. Therefore I expect it to be significantly affected by noise at times.</p> <p>As far as I am aware, HS2 Ltd have not carried out baseline noise monitoring at my property or at nearby properties.</p>	<p>The nominated undertaker should carry out noise monitoring at my property, and set out the maximum acceptable level of noise. Noise monitoring should be carried out at my property during construction, and if the agreed noise level is surpassed, the nominated undertaker should agree to stop work immediately.</p> <p>If the nominated undertaker cannot commit to this, they should agree for double glazing windows to be fitted into my property. This must be at the nominated undertakers expense.</p>
<p>Visual impacts</p> <p>HS2 Ltd proposes to build a vent shaft 225 metres from my property. The proposed sight for the vent shaft is clearly visible from the upstairs rooms of my property. No details of the vent shaft have been proposed, and this is concerning as it could significantly impact the view.</p>	<p>Although HS2 Ltd is not at the detailed design stage, they should commit to ensuring either the vent shaft is fully screened with mature vegetation, or it is designed in keeping with the surround area. This should include use of local materials (...Add further details on the local style of buildings...).</p>

Conclusion

To conclude, the proposal in its current state will have significant impacts on all aspects of my life, and I believe that the proposed remedies outlined above should be considered in order to reduce the impact.