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The Campaign to Save Leather Lane Oaks
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Our Ref: SG1747

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Dear Carol-Anne

I would like to begin by thanking you and all the other volunteers that have worked so hard to save Ilona and protect the wider ecology of Leather Lane. I would like to offer my apologies that I am unable to be with you in person.

It is clear Ilona means so much to so many and that she has a significant role to play in the campaign to prevent the felling of ancient and heritage trees.

I urge HS2 Ltd to find a way to save Ilona. Their response to my most recent letter was weak - planting other new woodland is not a replacement for a single iconic ancient oak that a community feels is part of their identity.

I call on HS2 Ltd to live up to the commitments they have made, including adherence to the mitigation hierarchy, and do all that they can to protect the Chilterns from further harm.

I will continue to work with local groups to protect our woodlands and rivers from the devastating impact of HS2, and to push the relevant agencies to hold HS2 Ltd to account for its impact on our environment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Green".

Sarah Green MP
Member of Parliament for Chesham and Amersham