



Reverend Canon Mark Dearnley Parish Office 11 High Street, Wendover, Buckinghamshire HP22 6DU

Sent by email to: info@stmaryswendover.org.uk

25 January 2016

Dear Mr Dearnley

RE: Assurance from the Secretary of State to the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Wendover

I am the Director of Hybrid Bill Delivery at HS2 Ltd, which is acting on behalf of the Promoter of the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill ('the Bill') currently before Parliament. I understand that you have a number of concerns about the impact of Phase One of HS2 (known as 'the Proposed Scheme'), at St Mary's Church.

As you are aware, details of the construction of the Proposed Scheme around St Mary's Church, Wendover, are set out in Volume 2 of the Environmental Statement (ES) published alongside the Bill, in the area report CFA10: Dunsmore, Wendover and Halton. The report summarises the expected local impacts in terms of agriculture, forestry and soils, air quality, community assets, cultural heritage, ecology, land quality, landscape and visual assessment, socio-economics, sound, noise and vibration, traffic and transport, and water resources and flood risk.

The ES has been produced on behalf of HS2 Ltd by a team of independent technical experts with unrivalled experience of environmental assessment on similar projects and has been developed in accordance with the accepted best practice methodologies recommended by a range of UK institutional bodies.

While HS2 Ltd believes that the ES has properly considered and assessed the likely effects of construction and operation of the Proposed Scheme, it is, on behalf of the Secretary of State, able and willing to provide you with an assurance in the following terms:

"On the basis that St Mary's Church ('the Church'), Wendover, is frequently used as a concert venue, the Promoter will require the nominated undertaker to support the Church to obtain reasonable and appropriate noise insulation for the Church fabric. This assurance is subject to the following provisions:

1. the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's Church, Wendover will be required to obtain all and any relevant consents;

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- 2. the Promoter will contribute to the cost of noise mitigation works on the internal use of the Church required as a result of the Proposed Scheme up to a maximum of £250,000 ('the Contribution');
- 3. Subject to the Promoter reaching prior agreement with the Church on the extent of the noise mitigation works required, the Contribution shall be paid to the Church upon the commencement of the works as a single payment, in full and final settlement of any future claim by the Church in respect of noise mitigation measures; and
- 4. In the event that the Contribution or any part thereof is not applied in accordance with this assurance, within five years of the receipt of the Contribution to refund to the Promoter such unexpended contribution or part thereof (as the case may be) together with interest thereon calculated at the base rate from the date of such payment until the date of repayment."

In this assurance, "the Promoter" means the Secretary of State for Transport or any successor Secretary of State or Minister holding the transport portfolio and includes so far as relevant any Nominated Undertaker exercising the powers or functions under the Bill by virtue of an Order under clause 43 of the Bill; and 'the nominated undertaker' refers to the body or bodies appointed by the Secretary of State to carry out the powers conferred under the Bill to construct and maintain the Proposed Scheme. The nominated undertaker may be HS2 Ltd, or it may be another body or bodies appointed to oversee the construction and operation of Phase One. If accepted, the assurance set out above will be included in the Register of Undertakings and Assurances which will be held by the Department for Transport. The nominated undertaker will be contractually obliged to comply with all relevant undertakings and assurances set out in the register. Further information on how the Secretary of State will ensure compliance with undertakings and assurances made by HS2 Ltd is set out in Information Paper B4, Compliance with Undertakings and Assurances.

We believe that this assurance addresses a number of issues raised in your petitions No. 285 and AP5:6.

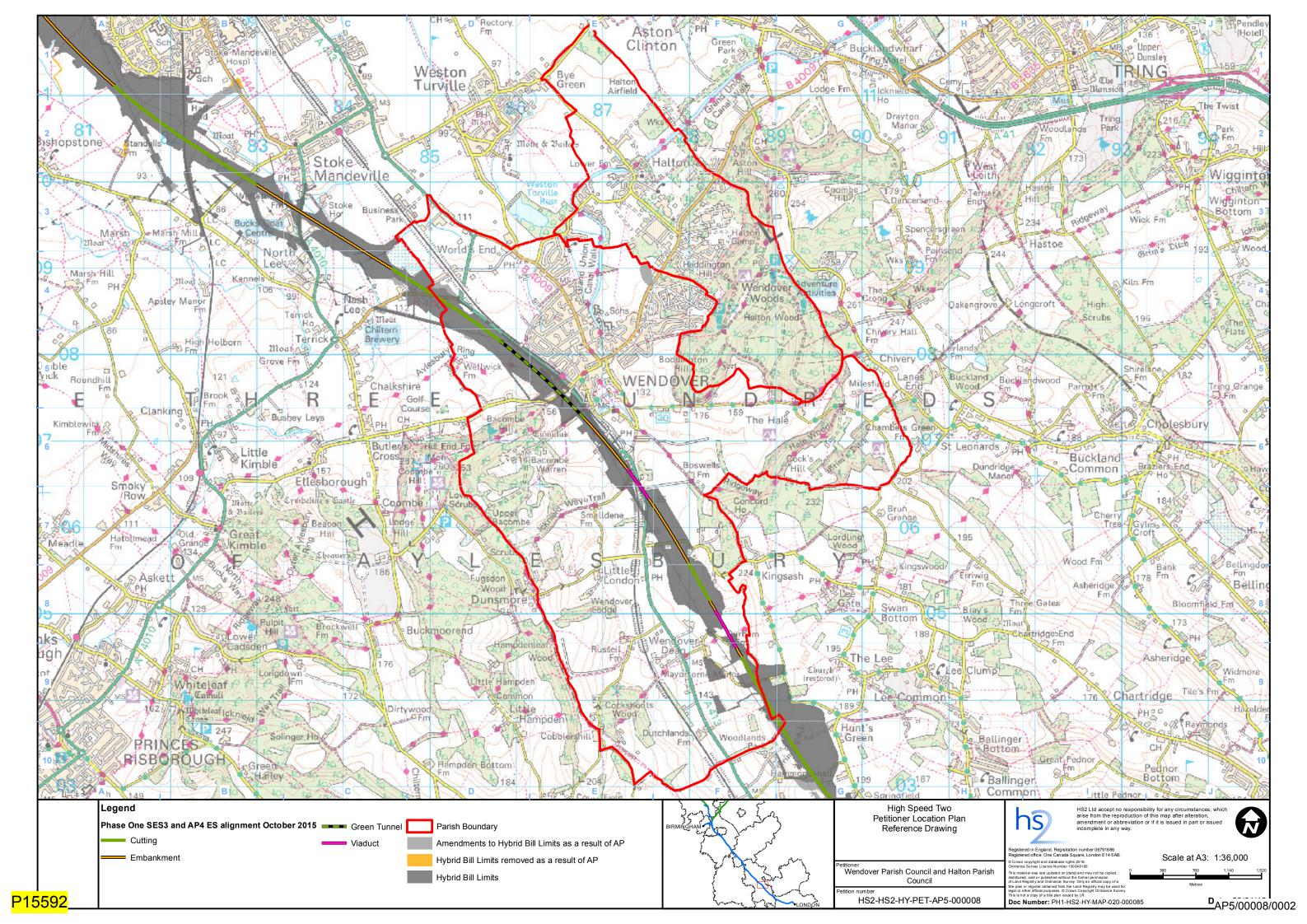
I hope that you will consider the assurance to be satisfactory, and if you find it to be so, or if you require further assistance, please contact Martin Wells, Area Petition Manager for Country South, by email at Martin.Wells@hsz.org.uk or by telephone on ozo 7944 o601. Martin or an appropriate colleague will be able to discuss the assurances made in this letter further, and will be able to arrange for you to meet with HSz Ltd representatives at a time of mutual convenience.

Yours sincerely

Roger Hargreaves

Director, Hybrid Bill Delivery

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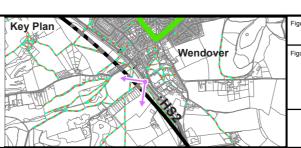
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> Community Forum Area CFA 10: Dunsmore, Wendover and Halton



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