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Dear Ms Gillan,

Thank you for your letter of 1 October regarding information presented at the Central Chilterns Community Forum of 25 September. The project is indeed moving ahead quickly, and clarity is as you rightly say important. So taking your points one by one:

Is the Frith Hill section of the Chesham Road (B485) to be closed?

Based on our current thinking Chesham Road will be permanently diverted slightly north of the present alignment and therefore the existing road will remain in use until such time as the diversion works are complete. Frith Hill will not be affected by these works.

Is Leather Lane to be closed?

A permanent diversion is proposed for Leather Lane and therefore arrangements will be similar to the above.

How long will both the above be closed for? 'Months' is simply not a specific enough time frame.

We are currently estimating that the construction works for these road diversions will take of the order of a year to 18 months. We cannot be more specific at this stage but I assure you that as we develop our construction strategy and programme we will be able to provide more accurate information on the construction timescales.

What alternative route(s) are HS2 Ltd. working on in the event of the above closures?

We do not currently envisage the need for alternative routes, although at this stage we cannot preclude the need for short term temporary diversions

I hope the information in this letter provides greater clarity for you on our proposals. I am sorry that your letter was returned to you by post; we do not know why this happened.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Douglas E Oakervee', written over a horizontal line.

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