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Rt Hon Justine Greening MP  
Secretary of State  
Department for Transport  
Great Minster House  
76 Marsham Street  
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Dear Justine,

I note from press reports that you are considering delaying the announcement of HS2 pending future exploration of mitigation options.

I met with a number of residents of Harefield in my constituency. They would like me to invite you to the village to see for yourself the impact of the proposed viaduct on a landscape that is cherished by residents. They are angry that the village and the impact of the viaduct has been overlooked in the planning of this project. They also note that is the absence of an Environmental Impact Assessment no one can be sure about the noise effects of the high speed trains passing regularly over water.

If you are giving yourself more time for consideration then a visit to the village would be very welcome, and you could see for yourself why people are so concerned.

Yours ever,

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