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The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP
Secretary of State for Transport
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Dear Patrick,

Thank you for your helpful response to our joint letter on the HS2 spur.

We understand the desire to integrate HS2 with our airports, including Heathrow.

Your letter is clear that the Heathrow Spur is not part of the initial preferred route for Phase 2 and is in effect an historic recommendation made by HS2 for which no business case has yet been made. We also note your comments about the other options to secure connectivity to Heathrow, including Old Oak Common and direct links from the Midlands and the North.

We also appreciate your recognition of the potentially negative impact on our constituents of the continued existence of the Spur option as a line on the map.

We continue to believe that the desired integration of HS2 with Heathrow can be achieved in a more cost effective way that delivers a more regular and convenient service for customers.

We would therefore appreciate the opportunity to come and see you after the summer recess to discuss this in person.

Best regards

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Ruislip Northwood and Pinner

Rt Hon Sir John Randall MP
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Rt Hon Dominic Grieve QC MP
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