

Agenda Reports & Other Papers

Presented to the
Extraordinary
Meeting of the
County Council on
**Tuesday
17 May 2016**



HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

THE COUNTY COUNCIL

SUMMONS AND AGENDA

for the Extraordinary Meeting to be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 10.30am or on the rising of the Annual General Meeting of the County Council, whichever is the later, in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Hertford.

Members are reminded that all equalities implications and equalities impact assessments undertaken in relation to any matter on this agenda must be rigorously considered prior to any decision being reached on that matter.

PART I (PUBLIC) AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To defer consideration of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the County Council, held at 10.00am on 17 May 2016, to the next meeting of the County Council on 19 July 2016.

2. PUBLIC PETITIONS - STANDING ORDER 2(3)(c)

The opportunity for any member of the public, being resident in or a registered local government elector of Hertfordshire to present a petition relating to a matter over which the County Council has control, containing 1,000 or more signatures of residents or business ratepayers of Hertfordshire.

Notification of intent to present a petition must have been given to the Chief Legal Officer at least 5 clear days before the meeting and must relate to an item subject of the report on the agenda.

3. PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 17 MAY 2016

Report of the Chief Legal Officer
(attached)

4. HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2) – FORMAL RESPONSE OF HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Portfolio: Environment, Planning and Transport

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment
(*attached*)

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**KATHRYN PETTITT
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET

MONDAY, 16 MAY 2016 AT 2.00 PM

COUNTY COUNCIL

TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016 AT 10.00 AM

COUNTY COUNCIL – EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

TUESDAY, 17 MAY 2016 AT 10.30 AM or on the rising of the Annual General Meeting of the County Council whichever is the later

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PROPOSED REVISIONS TO STANDING ORDERS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS ON 17 MAY 2016

Report of the Chief Legal Officer

Author: Kathryn Pettitt, Chief Legal Officer (Tel: 01992 555527)

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To obtain Council's approval (a) to vary Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2016 so as to allow consideration of a Report on proposed revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme and (b) to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Extraordinary Council Meeting on 17 May 2016 so as to permit motions to be considered that are submitted after the meeting of Cabinet on 16 May 2016.

2. Summary and Background

- 2.1 Group Leaders have agreed that a report on Proposed Revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme will be considered at the Annual Meeting of Council. Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 to the Constitution specifies the order of business for the Annual Meeting. This Standing Order will need to be varied to allow the report on Proposed Revisions to the Council's Petitions Scheme to be considered at that Meeting.
- 2.2 An Extraordinary Meeting of the Council is to be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2016 at 10.30a.m. or immediately after the end of the Annual Meeting of the Council to be held on that day, whichever is the later. The purpose of the Extraordinary Meeting will be to consider a proposal to authorise a petition to the House of Lords opposing the High Speed Rail (London- West Midlands) Bill.

- 2.3 Standing Order 2(3)(e), which governs the calling of extraordinary meetings of the Council, requires that when the summons for the Extraordinary Meeting is sent notification should be given to Members of the time and date by which written notice of motions in relation to the business to be transacted at the Extraordinary Meeting shall be lodged with the Chief Legal Officer. However, that time and date shall be no later than 5pm on the second day before the extraordinary meeting.
- 2.4 As the decisions of Cabinet which are to be considered by the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council will not be available until after the time period specified in Standing Order 2(3)(e), in calling the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council the first item of business should be to consider any motion that may be moved to suspend Standing Order 2(3)(e).
- 2.5 The Constitution provides that changes to Standing Orders for Council can only be varied after consideration of a report from Cabinet.

3. Recommendations

That Cabinet supports any motions that may be moved that Council:

- 3.1 Varies Standing Order 6(1) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Annual Meeting of Council on 17 May 2016 so as to allow for consideration of a report on amending the Council's Petitions Scheme;
- 3.2 Suspends Cabinet Standing Order 2(3)(e) of Annex 6 of the Constitution for the Council Extraordinary Meeting on 17 May 2016 so as to permit:
 - (a) a motion relating to an item considered by the Executive at its meeting on 17 May 2016 and relating to the High Speed 2 (HS2) – Formal Response of Hertfordshire County Council to be moved and discussed notwithstanding that notice of the motion has not been lodged in accordance with the time and date specified under Standing Order 2(3)(e), provided that notice in writing of the motion has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 9(4); and
 - (b) an amendment to any such motion to be moved and discussed provided that notice in writing of the proposed amendment has been lodged in accordance with Standing Order 10(3)(b).

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 None arising from this Report.

Background Information

None

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**HIGH SPEED 2 (HS2) - FORMAL RESPONSE OF HERTFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL**

Report of the Chief Executive and Director of Environment

Author: - Jenny Foster, Senior Planning Officer (Tel: 01992
556245)

Executive Member: - Derrick Ashley, Environment, Planning & Transport

Local Member: - Ralph Sangster, Rickmansworth

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update and inform Members of the progress of the High Speed 2 (HS2) scheme.
- 1.2 To enable Cabinet and the County Council to consider a proposal to authorise a petition to the House of Lords opposing the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Bill.

2. Summary

- 2.1 Officers are concerned about a number of changes which have been made to the HS2 scheme following petitions to the House of Commons, some of which give rise to additional impacts within Hertfordshire.
- 2.2 In order to formally raise these concerns and negotiate their resolution, a petition was submitted to the House of Lords on 18 April 2016.
- 2.3 The Report also sets out the current level of engagement that the County Council has with HS2 Ltd on the scheme, the arrangements for joint working with Three Rivers District Council and the need for community engagement.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 The Environment, Planning and Transport Cabinet Panel will consider a report on this matter at its meeting on 10 May 2016. The Panel will be invited to recommend to Cabinet:-

“That Cabinet recommends to County Council and that County Council agrees:-

- (i) that it is expedient to oppose the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill (“the Bill”) currently at the Select Committee stage in the House of Lords;*
- (ii) that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport be authorised to take all steps and do and perform all such acts on behalf of the County Council as he may consider necessary or expedient to carry the above Resolution into effect, including all steps required in respect of the petition submitted to the House of Lords on 18 April 2016 including if considered appropriate, to withdraw its opposition and petition in respect of the Bill;*
- (iii) that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, Planning & Transport be authorised to agree the terms of any agreements or other documents with HS2 Ltd and Three Rivers District Council relating to the HS2 scheme.”*

- 3.2 The Panel’s recommendations to Cabinet will be reported orally at the Cabinet meeting and circulated to Members in the Cabinet Order of Business.

- 3.3 Cabinet’s recommendation(s) to County Council will be reported orally and tabled at the County Council meeting.

4. Background

- 4.1 HS2 is a proposed new high speed railway running from Euston Station in London to Birmingham, Leeds and Manchester. A section of the line including a section of the Colne Valley Viaduct and Chiltern Tunnel Southern Portal will be within Hertfordshire’s county boundary.

- 4.2 The HS2 scheme is being promoted by HS2 Ltd and the Bill which will confer the powers to construct the railway is currently progressing through Parliament. It is anticipated it will receive Royal Assent in December 2016.

- 4.3 On 25 March 2014 Council agreed:

“(1) that it is expedient to oppose the High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill ("the Bill") introduced into the House of Commons on 25 November 2013;

(2) that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Members for Highways & Waste Management and Community Safety & Planning, be authorised to take all steps and do and perform all such acts on behalf of the County Council as he may consider necessary or expedient to carry the above Resolution into effect, including all steps required for the County Council to deposit a petition against the Bill and, thereafter, to maintain and, if considered appropriate, to withdraw its opposition and petition in respect of the Bill;

(3) that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment be authorised to sign up to the Planning Memorandum in order that the County Council may become a Qualifying Authority; and

(4) that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Highways & Waste Management, be authorised to finalise the points to be included in the petition.”

4.4 In May 2014 the County Council petitioned the House of Commons in relation to concerns about highways matters (in particular the construction of slip roads on to the M25 to deal with construction traffic) and a number of detailed local access and environmental issues. These were dealt with through amendments to the scheme or written undertakings from HS2 Ltd and the County Council's petition was therefore withdrawn in February 2015.

4.5 A number of Additional Provisions (APs) have since been introduced by HS2 Ltd to deal with other petitioners' points. The most significant for Hertfordshire is AP4, which proposes a longer tunnel under the Chilterns and as a consequence more spoil and potentially a longer construction period.

4.6 The County Council's comments on the changes proposed by AP4 were submitted to HS2 Ltd in November 2015. These concerns still remain and no response was received from HS2 Ltd in respect of these. They can be summarised as:

- a. Construction timescale- the extension of the tunnel will extend construction timescales;
- b. Figures for construction waste- the extension of the tunnel will increase the levels of spoil emanating from the portal;

- c. Vehicle numbers- there are a number of concerns regarding vehicles in the vicinity of the compounds, and the impacts upon the local community;
- d. Mineral resource- required for construction of the scheme, which is not identified by HS2, and could have a detrimental impact upon our land bank, economy and road network;
- e. Air quality- intensified use of certain areas for vehicles and appropriate monitoring of air quality for the duration of the development.

5 Petitioning

- 5.1 Parliamentary agents instructed by the County Council, advised that the only effective way to ensure engagement by HS2 Ltd and the Secretary of State on these issues was for the County Council to submit a petition against the Hybrid bill to the House of Lords by the deadline of 18 April 2016. As authorised by Council on 25 March 2014, the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Executive Members for Environment, Planning & Transport and for Highways agreed that a petition should be lodged (the petition is attached at Appendix 1 to the report).
- 5.2 Petitions are due to be heard in the House of Lords from May 2016. Whilst petitioning within the House of Lords cannot give rise to significant changes to the scheme, it is hoped that greater clarification will be given to Hertfordshire in respect of its concerns.
- 5.3 In order to oppose a bill, section 239 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a resolution passed by a majority of the whole number of Members at a full County Council meeting held after giving 10 clear days' notice in one or more local newspapers circulating in the County. This notice is separate from the ordinary notice of full council meetings. The Notice has been published in the Comet, Berkhamsted and Tring Gazette, Watford Observer, Hemel Hempstead Gazette, Herts Advertiser and Bishops Stortford Observer.
- 5.4 A resolution under s239 was duly made by Council on 25 March 2014, but in the interests of transparency and given that the proposal is now to petition the House of Lords, Council is now being asked to make a further s239 resolution (the House of Lords Petitioning Kit Guide provides that this can be done after the petition has been submitted).

6 Next steps

- 6.1 Officers will be meeting with representatives of HS2 Ltd to discuss the issues raised in the petition.
- 6.2 Officers have seen an indicative timeline for construction of the line which shows that enabling works / site preparation are expected to

commence in early 2017. This is of high importance as the site compound for the Colne Valley will be constructed first. This compound will support seven satellite compounds. In total there will be up to 915 workers across all the compounds at any one time, with onsite accommodation for 250. It is notable that the document confirming these numbers has not been updated since 2013 despite the changes made to the scheme since that date.

- 6.3 The Chiltern Tunnel works are expected to commence in the second half of 2018; the Colne Valley Viaduct in the last quarter of 2018. The line itself is expected to be brought into full service in 2026. The implications for Hertfordshire in respect of site preparation and the actual working compounds are significant in respect of disruption in the locality.
- 6.4 Officers are continuing to work with HS2 Ltd and other affected authorities regarding a number of matters. Through attendance at the Planning Forum, a considerable amount of work has been and continues to be done to refine and negotiate supporting documents concerning the scheme including: the Code of Construction Practice (COCP), Environmental Minimum Requirements (EMRs), Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and planning advice notes. These documents will set out minimum standards, specific details and working practices.
- 6.5 Officers also attend the Colne Valley Panel (see Appendix 2 to the report for membership details) and are working on a Memorandum of Understanding to be signed by its members. The Panel was awarded £3m in December 2015 to spend on additional mitigations within the Colne Valley Regional Park and it is hoped that an agreed mitigation plan will be in place by December 2017.

7 HS2 Planning Memorandum, Service Level Agreements (SLAs) and Memorandum of Understanding

- 7.1 As set out in paragraph 4.3 above, on 25 March 2014 Council agreed that the Chief Executive and Director of Environment be authorised to sign up to the Planning Memorandum in order that the County Council may become a Qualifying Authority. The Planning Memorandum is to be sent to all Chief Executives shortly and must be signed before the end of the House of Lords Select Committee.
- 7.2 As a Qualifying Authority, the County Council will be able to deal with Schedule 17 approvals (Conditions of Deemed Planning Permission) i.e. to determine applications for detailed works on the line for which deemed planning permission will be given under the High Speed 2 Act once passed. This is seen as being critical to being fully involved and keeping the maximum influence over the final form of the HS2 scheme in the County. The work of the County Council as a Qualifying Authority will also include pre-application advice, advertising,

consultation, site visits, approval of materials, Rights of Way diversions, Highways works and earthworks.

- 7.3 The Planning Memorandum will require the County Council to join and attend a planning forum, to ensure that approvals are dealt with in a timely manner and to allocate sufficient planning and other technical resources to deal with approvals.
- 7.4 The County Council will also enter into an SLA with HS2 Ltd in order to ensure there is no additional financial burden upon it when dealing with Schedule 17 approvals (Conditions of Deemed Planning Permission). Officers are currently working with a number of other Authorities on the terms of this SLA.
- 7.5 Although there has been no indication of the number of approvals that are to be processed, applications are expected from 2017 with the majority to be submitted 2018-2019. Pre application advice is expected to be sought by HS2 around autumn this year.

8. Community Engagement

- 8.1 HS2 Ltd has undertaken a number of community engagement forums in Warwickshire, Buckinghamshire, and Surrey and in London, but not yet within Hertfordshire. Maple Cross will be significantly impacted by the scheme both in development and in operation. It is considered of paramount importance that HS2 Ltd hold a community forum for these residents.

9 Financial Implications

- 9.1 The costs of submitting the petition are estimated at £3,000 which has been accommodated within existing budgets.
- 9.2 There will be further financial implications associated with the petitioning process.

Background Information

Appendix 1- Petition to the House of Lords
Appendix 2- Colne Valley Panel Membership

[Minutes of Hertfordshire County Council meeting: 25 March 2014](#)

[Section 239 of Local Government Act 1972](#)

IN PARLIAMENT

THE HOUSE OF LORDS

SESSION 2015–16

PETITION against the

HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS) BILL

Against – on Merits – Praying to be heard by Counsel, &c.

THE HUMBLE PETITION of HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

YOUR PETITIONER DECLARES that:

1. A Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") has been introduced and is now pending in your noble House intituled "A Bill to make provision for a railway between Euston in London and a junction with the West Coast Main Line at Handsacre in Staffordshire, with a spur from Water Orton in Warwickshire to Curzon Street in Birmingham; and for connected purposes."
2. Your Petitioner is specially and directly adversely affected by the whole Bill.

YOUR PETITIONER

3. Your Petitioner is the local authority for the county of Hertfordshire (hereinafter called "the County") as established under the Local Government Act 1972 ("the Act"). The Act conferred significant powers and duties upon Your Petitioner, and subsequent enactments have further increased the scope of these powers and duties. Overall, your Petitioner is responsible for the provision of public services in the County and amongst other functions, your Petitioner is the highway and traffic authority for most roads within the County.
4. Works authorised under the Bill would be carried out within the County and your Petitioner and the County's inhabitants are injuriously affected by the provisions of the Bill, to which your Petitioner objects for the reasons amongst others, hereinafter appearing.

YOUR PETITIONER'S CONCERNS

5. Your Petitioner is supportive, in principle, of the proposal to construct a new high speed railway between London and the West Midlands ("HS2 Phase 1"). The petition against the original Bill for HS2 was withdrawn following assurances from HS2 in relation to slip roads onto the M25 and footpath diversions. Those assurances have dealt with a number of your Petitioner's concerns and include:
- (a) dedicated slip roads onto the M25 to be provided to alleviate traffic on the locality;
 - (b) diversion of the Bridleway Rickmansworth 004 along Shire Lane; and
 - (c) works on Tilehouse Lane.
6. However, the Bill contains significant changes since the original assurance was sought. In particular, the significant alterations include:
- (a) the extension to the Chiltern Tunnel by 2.6km;
 - (b) an increase in material excavated;
 - (c) an increase in vehicle movements;
 - (d) an extension in time for construction;
 - (e) the loss of sustainable placement area 2;
 - (f) the use of slip roads by all construction compounds; and
 - (g) the utilisation of natural resources.
7. Your Petitioner sets out below more detail on certain of the above issues, but in many cases, those assurances make provision for further information from HS2 and confirmation that mitigations will be implemented to deal with your Petitioner's concerns.

Extension to the Chiltern tunnel and increase in material excavated

8. The Bill provides for the HS2 route to pass beneath part of the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty ("AONB"). A 13.5km tunnel would commence south of the M25 and emerge at Mantle's Wood in the Central Chilterns.
9. In response to the petitions regarding the Chilterns AONB, the High Speed Rail Bill Select Committee recommended that the Chiltern tunnel be extended by 2.6km from Mantle's Wood to the location of the South Heath tunnel north portal in the original scheme. Your Petitioner has a number of concerns about the extension of the

Chiltern Tunnel. The extension of the tunnel will result in an increase in material excavated, an increase in vehicle movements and an increase in construction time.

10. The extension to the Chiltern Tunnel will result in larger volumes of material being excavated from the southern portal, where the amount of spoil arising from its construction would increase by 19%. The Environmental Statement produced to accompany the Bill lacks clarity regarding the amount of additional material that will be extracted as a result of this extension and its method of disposal. Your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to provide information regarding the exact volume of spoil arising from the construction, to the nearest 100 tonnes, and assurance that spoil entering the County will only be spoil arising from the extension to the Tunnel and not from other works for HS2 Phase 1.
11. Supplementary Environmental Statement 3 produced to accompany the Bill suggests the total quantity of surplus excavated material that will require disposal during construction will be approximately 12,573,420 tonnes. Failure to deliver details regarding the amount of excavated material and where the excavated material will be disposed of will extend disruption to the local area and detrimentally impact on the local people. With the loss of the sustainable placement area 2, there is a greater issue regarding where the extra material excavated is to be relocated. Your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to provide a precise figure of additional material to be deposited in the County to fully assess its potential impact.
12. Your Petitioner raises these issues given the importance that it places not only on the environment, with the increased significant adverse landscape and visual effects, but also the health effects of removing this additional material through the tunnel's south portal.
13. To deliver this commitment, your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to provide further information, confirming the amount of materials to be excavated and deposited, detailing the manner it will be excavated and providing information on what landscape mitigation will be undertaken both during and post construction. Your Petitioner requests detailed plans showing the proposed profiles and sections, before and after profiles, isopachyte drawings, and a detailed landscape impact assessment. Further, Your Petitioner seeks an assurance that only trees grown in the United Kingdom and native to the United Kingdom will be used for any tree planting.

Extension of time for construction – fauna and land management impacts

14. According to the Transport Assessment accompanying the Bill, updated on 30 October 2015, due to the extension to the Chiltern Tunnel, the duration of the movement of excavated material will be increased from approximately one year to approximately four years. Further, the construction activity, including but not limited to heavy plant machinery and construction compounds, will be in place for longer. This causes greater significant adverse landscape and visual impacts.
15. With the extension of time for construction, a greater length of time will be required before surrounding lands are restored, which in turn results in a greater impact upon returning populations of fauna. For example, the population of Corn Buntings found on the land, which is a species highlighted on the RSPB's list as critically rare and classified as Red List species under the Birds of Conservation Review, will be displaced as a result of HS2.
16. Your Petitioner asks that the Promoter be required to provide further information on and a plan for the longer term land management objectives, aftercare provisions and what ecological gains can be brought forward as a result of the scheme. Your Petitioner submits that this is required to set out fully how the affected areas of the County will be restored after the construction phase. Such a plan should include a mechanism for on-going management and aftercare of the new final restored landform. Your Petitioner submits that by providing this information and plan, the Promoter would better minimise the impacts on the County and its inhabitants.

Rights of Way

17. As a result of the extension time for construction, the temporary measures put in place on Right Of Way 50 will remain in place for an extended period of time. Your Petitioner therefore seeks an assurance that the design and width of the temporary alternatives are maintained at a minimum of 3m width for footpaths and 5m wide for bridleways to mitigate the adverse impact upon amenity. Further, your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to update the Environmental Statement to reflect these changes proposed in the Bill.

Increased vehicle movements – road safety and air quality

18. Your Petitioner has concerns in relation to the volume of vehicle movements that will occur in a concentrated area on the M25 slip road and that the County may not be able to cope with the significant increase in construction road traffic activity. Your Petitioner considers that the increased vehicle movements predicted will adversely affect road safety and increase levels of nitrogen dioxide.

19. The construction of the proposed scheme will result in additional vehicles. If this is not properly managed, this could potentially adversely affect the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians. Your Petitioner petitions for the Environmental Statement or the Health Impact Assessment document to be updated to reflect the increase in vehicle movements that will occur on the M25 slip road. Your Petitioner requests the Promoter to submit air quality monitoring data at least on a quarterly basis and agree with the local authority and Hertfordshire as public health authority where the monitoring points will be. Your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to produce specific detailed local traffic management plans for Maple Cross, access routes to the Chiltern Tunnel and all the construction compounds associated with the Chiltern Tunnel. This should include detail on penalties for non-adherence, records of monitoring and enforcements carried out. This information should commence at the pre-application stage and is to be made available to the local authority upon request. Further, the Promoter should commit to provide monies for additional mitigation that may be required during the duration of the construction of the authorised works.
20. The increase in vehicle movements will result in additional nitrogen dioxide, which is caused largely by diesel engines. The Environmental Statement does not reflect the increased vehicle movements that will occur on the M25 slip roads and therefore does not account for the potential increase in nitrogen dioxide. Your Petitioner seeks assurance that this will be updated to reflect the changes. Further, Your Petitioner petitions for monitoring of nitrogen dioxide levels during construction and for mitigation to be put in place if the thresholds were exceeded. Your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to provide fine particulate monitoring as soon as possible to enable a preconstruction baseline to be developed.

Natural resources

21. Your Petitioner requests that the Promoter be required to provide additional information regarding what natural resources will be utilised in the construction of HS2. This is considered to be a significant secondary effect of the development. Your Petitioner asks that the Promoter be required to provide information regarding the types of aggregate, the volumes expected to be used and where this will be expected to be sought from. This is important for the purposes of reviewing and maintaining a bank of mineral supply in order to mitigate potential impact on the mineral resources of the County.

Your Petitioner therefore asks the House of Lords that it, or someone representing it in accordance with the rules and Standing Orders of the House, be given an opportunity to give evidence on all or some of the issues raised in this petition to the Select Committee which considers the Bill.

AND YOUR PETITIONER REMAINS, &C.

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PINSENT MASONS LLP

Parliamentary Agents for Hertfordshire County Council

18 April 2016

Appendix 2

Colne Valley Panel Membership

Buckinghamshire County Council

Bucks, Berks & Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust

Chiltern District Council

Colne Valley Regional Park Community Interest Company

Department for Transport

Environment Agency

Hertfordshire County Council.

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust

HS2 Ltd

London Borough of Hillingdon

London Wildlife Trust

Natural England

South Bucks District Council

Three Rivers District Council

The panel was formed following a Select Committee recommendation in recognition of the impacts that the Colne Valley Viaduct poses.