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Dear Andrew,

**HS2 in Broxtowe**

Thank you very much for taking the time to visit my constituency to see the concerns I have regarding the impact of HS2 in Broxtowe.

As I mentioned, HS2 is widely accepted by the majority of my constituents, as well as all political parties, Broxtowe Borough Council and Nottinghamshire County Council, who all see the benefit of having a hub station at Toton.

However, in areas like Trowell which you were kind enough to visit, residents are understandably opposed to the way HS2 will travel through their village.

At Trowell in particular, the topography of the landscape as well as the location of the M1 motorway, roads and other railway routes mean that the HS2 viaduct will be 20m high in places. This is unacceptable and as you saw, will overshadow and dominate homes in the village.

Not only is the current route in Trowell unacceptable for these reasons but residents have also been excluded from any compensation schemes when as things stand, in my view, they will be subjected to considerable disruption for little benefit.

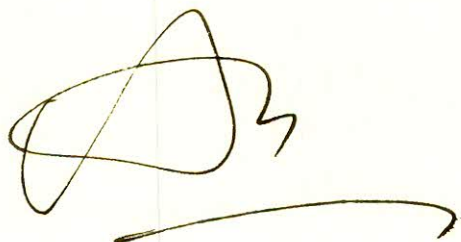
I would be grateful if something could be done to mitigate the impact of the route through Trowell and I would also ask that the village is included in compensation plans.

Although you did not get the chance to visit Strelley Village, that is another area of my constituency where I share the concern of residents about plans for HS2. A 'cut and cover' tunnel has been moved 15m closer to the village, including a Grade I listed church and the Grade II listed Strelley Hall. This will not only cause real problems for the owners of Strelley Hall, who let out rooms to over 20 businesses on the site, but will also undoubtedly create considerable disruption to residents during the building process.

Alasdair Hassan and Freda Jesudason from HS2 were good enough to meet the owners of Strelley Hall and myself before our meeting. I am very grateful for what was a very positive meeting where Alasdair allayed many fears I had about a 'cut and cover' tunnel and also promised to look at the route once more. They also made it clear that it would be possible to move the line back away from Strelley Hall in future phases of the development.

Following your visit, I am now writing to all of my constituents in Trowell to make them aware of the consultations which close on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Thank you once again for visiting and any assistance you can give Broxtowe's residents who are affected by HS2 would be much appreciated.

as ever,

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**Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP**