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Dear Mr Thurston,

Thank you for your letter of the 4<sup>th</sup> January in response to mine of the 26<sup>th</sup> November regarding the business case for HS2.

My constituents are extremely alarmed to learn that HS2 Ltd is considering fundamental changes to the project, namely reductions in the speed and number of trains per hour as well as a change to underlying track. My constituents are also of the view that HS2 Ltd may be considering additional changes to the project, outside of those that you raised at the All Party Parliamentary Group for Rail meeting in November, in order for HS2 to remain on time and within budget.

I would reiterate that my constituents are entirely clear that any such change to the project would undermine the business case for HS2 that was approved by their representatives in Parliament, and for which they are paying.

I would expect that work is already being undertaken by HS2 Ltd to model the impact of these changes on the business case, should they be required, and I would be grateful if you could provide me with an update on this work so that I may share this with my constituents.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Andrea Leadsom".

The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP  
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