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Dear Andrea,

High Speed Two (HS2) London to the West Midlands (Phase One): Homeowner Payment scheme

The Secretary of State wrote to you last year to announce the launch of the Homeowner Payment (HOP) Scheme for High Speed Two (HS2) London to the West Midlands (Phase One).

I wanted to provide you with an update on HOP scheme payments made to homeowners in your constituency.

Homeowner Payment Scheme

The HOP scheme provides property owners living near the line of route in rural areas with an early share of the economic benefits of HS2.

Eligible property owners living between 120 metres and 300 metres from the centre of the Phase One route in rural areas have been able to apply for a payment of £7,500, £15,000, or £22,500 since February 2017. The level of payment is dependent on how close they live to the HS2 line.

HOP payments made to homeowners living in your constituency

Last year, HS2 Ltd wrote to all registered homeowners of properties they believe may be eligible for a HOP payment to inform them about the scheme and how to apply.

Over £7m has been distributed so far to homeowners living near the Phase One HS2 route under the HOP scheme, including five in your constituency who have in total received £37,500. According to HS2 Ltd's records, there are fifteen properties in your constituency in respect of which payments have not been made. I would welcome your support in raising awareness of the scheme to encourage more households in scope to apply.

The guidance and application form on the HOP scheme are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/hs2-phase-one-homeowner-payment-scheme-guidance-and-application-form> .

Copies are also available on request from HS2 Ltd's helpdesk by emailing HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk or by telephone, 0808 143 4434.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N Ghani', written in a cursive style.

NUSRAT GHANI