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HS2 Phase Two Route Consultation

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HS2 Phase Two Route Consultation – Nottingham City Council Response

Please find enclosed the Nottingham City Council response to the HS2 Phase Two Route Consultation that was agreed at the Executive Board meeting on 17 December 2013.

In addition to the Council's response to the consultation questions are two documents that provide further evidence in support of the submission, these are:

- Maximising the Economic Benefits of the East Midlands HS2 Station at Toton, prepared by Volterra Partners on behalf of Nottingham City Council and Partners, November 2013
- HS2 Direct Connections Study – Outline Business Case, prepared by Arup on behalf of East Midlands Councils, December 2013

We welcome the opportunity to comment on this strategically important national infrastructure proposal. There is a compelling case in favour of high speed rail in supporting national economic growth and releasing capacity on the existing rail network. The City Council wholeheartedly supports the location of the proposed East Midlands Hub Station at Toton. To maximise the economic benefits of a station at this location new high quality transport connections will be required including provision for high speed services to directly serve Nottingham Station. As the region's Core City and key beneficiary we will continue to fully engage with HS2 Ltd to develop a masterplan for the site, define an effective connectivity package and establish the right economic development strategy to make the most of this transformational proposal.

If you require any further information on any of the issue raised in this response please let us know.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jane Urquhart".

Councillor Jane Urquhart

Portfolio Holder for Planning and Transportation