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Dear Ms Goodreid

High Speed Rail (West Midlands - Crewe) Bill: Deposit of Bill material

As you may be aware the Department for Transport is working towards the submission of a Bill to Parliament authorising the construction and operation of Phase 2a of the High Speed Two (HS2) railway between the West Midlands and Crewe.

Standing Orders (SOs) of both Houses of Parliament require that copies of the Bill and certain other material be deposited with local authorities (including parish councils) in whose area it is proposed to carry out works or to compulsorily acquire or use land.

What does this mean for you?

Local authorities must make this material available for public inspection while the Bill is in Parliament (which is likely to be two to three years). Sections 225 and 228(5) to (7) of the Local Government Act 1972 relate to the deposit of these documents. For convenience copies of these provisions are appended.

The following requirement under SOs in relation to parish councils also apply:

- **SO36:** requires that the Plans, Sections and the Book of Reference be made available for public inspection and that copies or extracts be permitted to be taken.

We are currently proposing to deposit a full set of the documents listed in the table on the next page, in hard copy with you. You should note that this is a substantial suite of documents – please refer to the page number estimates in the table on the next page.

Should this present a problem you may wish to nominate a local library as the official deposit location for your parish. The nearest library to your parish where we are proposing to display the Bill material is Rugeley Library

There is still a possibility however that Parliament will modify the requirements of SOs in their application to the Phase 2a Bill as follows:

- to permit the documents to be deposited in electronic form;
- to permit extracts of documents to be taken in electronic form;
- to allow HS2 to deal with the sale of copies of documents from its offices in London

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Should this happen, we will be able to offer you a preference as to which format you would like to receive the material in. The table below lists the documents and the format in which we hope to make them available in.

List of Phase 2a Bill material

Document (estimated no. of pages)	Page size	Estimated no. of pages	Format material available in
The Bill and Explanatory Notes	A4	400	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Plans and Sections	A1 and A3	80	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Book of Reference	A4	600	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Environmental Statement			
Non-Technical Summary	A4	100	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Volume 1: Introduction and Methodology	A4	200	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Volume 2: Community Area Reports	A4	1,500	Hard copy and/or electronic form* for relevant Community Area Full set for entire route in electronic form*
Volume 2: Community Area Map Books	A3	500	Hard copy and/or electronic form* for relevant Community Area Full set for entire route in electronic form*
Volume 3: Route-Wide Effects Assessment	A4	150	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Volume 4: Off-route Effects Assessment	A3 & A4	150	Hard copy and/or electronic form*
Volume 5: Technical Appendices and Map Books	A3 & A4	8,000	(Electronic form* only, if so permitted by Parliament)

* A mobile storage device such as a memory stick, or other convenient format, containing the full suite of documents.

Next steps

1. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter either by return or by email to hs2billdeposit@hs2.org.uk.
2. We would be grateful if you would confirm your format preferences **as soon as possible**.
3. Please also let us know the contact details of the person(s) at the parish council to liaise with about this deposit.

We will be in touch again, as soon as the timing of the deposit is confirmed, in order to make arrangements for the delivery of the material. We will also let you know if Parliament approves an electronic deposit.

Yours sincerely,

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