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By email

Dear [Mayoral candidate],

I write as Leader of Camden Council to highlight the critical effect a new Euston Station will have on the lives of Londoners, and to request a meeting with you to discuss this further. A re-developed Euston Station will have a profound impact on the housing, economic and transport issues that London's next Mayor must face.

We have spoken before about the impact of HS2 on Camden. HS2 Ltd.'s current plans for Euston fail to deliver a comprehensive development of the station and surrounding area, severely limiting the benefits to Camden, London and the UK as a whole. There is currently no commitment from the Government to develop the current dilapidated station, already a frustration for passengers. Continuing failure by HS2 Ltd. to commit to lowering all the tracks to one level will mean we would lose the potential to deliver 6,000 jobs, 1,000 homes and £400m of economic value.

Comprehensive development of Euston Station would unlock the site to the homes greatly needed in the face of a housing-crisis and create a truly accessible station that would meet commuters' travel needs and open the station up to business opportunities and the local community. Our vision for Euston as a centre for much-needed affordable homes and new jobs, delivered around a world-class transport interchange, known as the Euston Area Plan, has been developed in partnership with the Mayor of London and Transport for London. We want to build on this relationship, especially now that Euston is set to come sharply into focus. The Government is set to announce its latest plans for Euston, the proposed terminus for High Speed 2 (HS2), in September.

Camden Council remains opposed to HS2, as in addition to more than a decade of disruption, it will demolish over 200 homes in Camden and affect the lives and livelihoods of hundreds more of our residents and businesses.

I would appreciate your support on this matter during the remainder of your campaign. I would be delighted to meet with you to discuss this further, or arrange for my office to provide you with a briefing.

Please do not hesitate to get in contact with me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Hayward', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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