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Boris,

I am writing in response to your letter of 28 September 2015 and our meeting held on 28 October 2015 regarding HS2's proposals for Euston station. I was pleased to read of your support for the collaborative working between our organisations which has been achieved to date on this important project.

As you know, I am fully supportive of a joined up approach to bring together plans and opportunities for the Euston area. As such, I am pleased that principals from HS2 Ltd, Network Rail, TfL, the London Borough of Camden, the GLA and my Department all continue to attend the meetings of the Euston Strategic Board, chaired by Camden Council Leader Sarah Hayward, with Eddie Lister as deputy chair. Furthermore, HS2 Ltd and DfT are committed to participating in any future appropriate governance established by TfL, GLA or Camden to manage our shared objectives for the Euston area. You can therefore be assured of our continued support in this regard.

In addition I am pleased to say we are taking a joined up approach between HS2 Ltd and Network Rail with regard to Euston station itself. Our plans for HS2 have also been developed in close consultation with Transport for London, including in relation to investment for both Euston and Euston Square Underground stations.

Furthermore, as you are aware, our revised plans for the HS2 element of the station have been designed to enable and facilitate the potential future redevelopment of the whole station including the remaining Network Rail platforms and a possible commercial development above the station. Both developments are the subject of future spending decisions and board approvals. Subject to these my intention is to establish a single entity for Euston station and to engage a master development partner for the oversight development.

In addition, and in accordance with our discussion, I also propose to establish a Euston Station Strategic Redevelopment Board (ESSRB). The board will comprise senior representatives from the Department, Network Rail, TfL, GLA and Camden. This board will be established following confirmation that you have withdrawn those elements of your petitions relating to the redevelopment of the station. The ESSRB will provide advice to me on the following:

- the establishment of the single entity;
- the strategic vision for the station;
- the masterplan for the station;
- delivery of the masterplan;
- monitoring delivery of the masterplan;
- proposals for mitigating disruption to the station and local community during construction;
- strategic issues and risks;
- the application of lessons learnt.

I have asked my officials to commence work with yours as well as those from Camden to develop further the details of the terms of reference for the ESSRB as soon as we have received confirmation that you have withdrawn those elements of your petitions as described above.

Please note that the ESSRB will also be supported by a working level Euston Integrated Programme meeting which TfL, the GLA and Camden will also be invited to attend following completion of the petitioning process. There will also be an independent design panel for Euston Station. I anticipate that this panel will be an important forum for providing advice and support to the board.

The above demonstrates our strong commitment to working with key stakeholders in developing the vision for Euston station and I welcome your continuing support in taking this forward in close partnership with my Department.

I am copying this letter to the London Borough of Camden.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick McLoughlin'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large 'P' and 'M'.

THE RT. HON. PATRICK McLOUGHLIN