

Andrea Leadsom MP

(By email)

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Councillor Sarah Hayward
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Dear Mrs Leadsom,

Your position on High Speed 2 and the status of EU nationals living and working in the UK

As a candidate for the leadership of the Conservative Party, and Prime Minister, your stance on the major policy issues facing our country is of understandable interest and importance.

I write as Leader of the London Borough of Camden to seek clarification of your position on High Speed 2 and the status of EU nationals. These are two matters of particular and pressing concern to Camden residents, businesses, and to the Council.

In light of interventions made by other candidates during the current leadership race about HS2, can you declare whether you support the scheme, and if you would recommend to a future Government which you could lead, that it be continued?

Camden Council opposes the Government's current plans for HS2 which is already causing blight in our borough and anxiety for our communities and businesses. We face decades of destruction from HS2 and the highest level of disruption of all areas along the route.

Following the EU referendum result, much uncertainty has been sown, not least with regard to the status of EU migrants currently living and working in the UK. I am proud that Camden is home to thousands of migrants and those of migrant heritage from within and beyond the EU. This diversity is part of what makes Camden such a unique and special place.

When the UK formally leaves the EU, I want those communities to continue to feel welcome here. Can you provide early reassurance and detail about how you will ensure that no EU national who currently lives and works here will have their status challenged?

In the context of great change and uncertainty, I hope you appreciate why it is important for the Council and our communities to seek clarification of your stance. The sooner there is a clear position the better.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Hayward", written in a cursive style.

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