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Sarah Hayward,

Thank you for your letter of 27 February 2015, about High Speed 2 (HS2) Plans for Euston Station and a request for a meeting.

As you know our ambition is to transform Euston for passengers, and make it a new commercial hub for the Capital. Our long term aim is to bring about a comprehensive redevelopment of the station in accordance with Camden Council's Euston Area Plan.

We are planning to lay new legislation before Parliament before the end of this year.

The original proposals for Euston as set out in the hybrid Bill are technically feasible but would cause inconvenience to passengers, local residents and Train Operating Companies. In developing their new proposals, HS2 Ltd have listened to these concerns. As a result there will be significantly less disruption for passengers using Euston during construction of HS2 and the impact of construction on local residents should be lessened. Once built, Euston will be a high quality station comparable to St Pancras.

Our plan is to deliver this redevelopment in a phased approach that minimises disruption to the current station and surrounding area. DfT and HS2 Ltd have committed to working with Camden to deliver the best outcome for the Borough - minimising impacts and maximising opportunities.

I regret that I am unable to accept this request at this moment in time.

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Patrick

THE RT. HON. PATRICK McLOUGHLIN