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Dear Neil

**High Speed Rail (London – West Midlands) Bill  
London Borough of Camden**

I am writing on behalf of Camden on a couple of points.

First, as you know, the revised proposals for Euston Station will not be put to Parliament until AP3 is published after the Summer, and will presumably not be considered by the Select Committee until the end of its proceedings. The Council is concerned that it may be at a disadvantage by appearing at or near to the end, were it to ask the committee to make changes that would require an additional provision. They are keen to receive some comfort that the inevitable delay to the progress of the Bill that a further AP would generate will not play on the committee's minds when making its decisions. I would be grateful if you could pass this message to the chairman when the committee returns.

Secondly, in its petition, the Council raises issues relating to Old Oak Common Station. The Council asks in its petition that the station be used as a temporary terminus in order to give sufficient time for the complex construction and engineering issues at Euston to be sorted out properly. Camden will not be able to give detailed evidence on this point until we are clear on the design for Euston. So although I understand that the Select Committee will be considering Old Oak Common in July we ask that Camden's evidence be presented when the Council's main case is heard, by which time the Promoter's plans for Euston will have been published. I hope this is helpful to the Committee.

Yours sincerely



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