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Dear David,

Thank you for your letter of 20 June about the impact of HS2 construction on the Dogs Trust rehoming centre at Harefield.

I can assure you that HS2 Ltd understands the concerns raised by the Dogs Trust. HS2 Ltd takes its responsibility to impacted communities very seriously and tries to minimise disruption wherever possible.

I am advised that all practical measures have been taken to reduce the impact of works in this area to the lowest level. Recognising the exceptional circumstances, HS2 Ltd has actively engaged with the Dogs Trust to identify solutions that are right for them.

The case now sits with HS2's Special Cases Panel, which oversees and manages the assessment of cases that, because of their unique circumstances, are not fully protected by standard policies for the alleviation of construction impacts. The Panel considers the individual circumstances of each case in order to decide whether any alternative mitigation or other reasonable adjustment should be offered.

Whilst we await the Panel's conclusions, I can assure you that I remain fully committed to ensuring that HS2 Ltd acts as a good neighbour and that local communities and affected parties are treated with due respect and consideration.

ANDREW STEPHENSON MP

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT