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Dear Peter,

HS2 offers a major opportunity for the London Borough of Ealing, as a terminus location temporarily and eventual onward connection to Euston. With the newly elected Labour government and work underway to plan a way forward for HS2 in London, this is a critical point in time for Ealing Council and HS2 to refresh its strategic relationship, for the benefit of both organisations.

We are both acutely aware that Ealing's residents, businesses, and communities are currently experiencing significant disruption due to the major construction works. This is compounded by the lack of sufficient mitigation measures or a long-term plan for the benefits HS2 will provide in the future. Moreover, the council believes that the commitments and contributions offered and secured from HS2 to date do not represent an impactful legacy for Ealing. We need to work together to address this.

Although it is welcomed that HS2 have listened to the council's concerns and have consequently committed to work more closely with us and other partners, we are issuing this letter to help outline our key requirements for a future joint working arrangement. Any arrangement should ultimately bring more clarity and benefit both of our organisations and our objectives.

Ways of Working

HS2 to commit resources to work collaboratively with Ealing Council to co-develop and publish three documents:

1. **HS2 Legacy Plan**: that outlines the long-term benefits that HS2 will bring to the borough, including commitments to funding of community and environmental improvement initiatives, business support, employment, skills, and training opportunities.



2. HS2 Mitigations Framework: that outlines mitigation measures and respite opportunities for affected residents and businesses, including a mechanism to address future changes to the programme of works and local requirements.
3. HS2 Community Engagement Framework: a revised and refreshed commitment to thoroughly and meaningfully engage with residents, businesses, the local authority and stakeholders until completion of HS2 works in the borough.

Monitoring: Each of these documents will include a plan for implementation and ongoing monitoring, including reporting on the HS2 Legacy Plan post-completion of HS2 works in the borough.

Joint working: Requirements for joint working with Ealing Council and wider partners will also be identified, including a forward plan of major activities. Ealing Council will seek a commitment from HS2 to cover Ealing Council staff costs associated with the additional time necessary for effective coordination and delivery.

HS2 and LBE Strategic Board: HS2 and Ealing to develop governance to oversee the delivery of the above frameworks.

Ealing's strategic ask to HS2

Key topics for the HS2 Legacy Plan for Ealing are outlined below.

- Employment and Skills: A proportionate opportunity is to be afforded to Ealing residents to directly benefit from the jobs, training, and skills pipeline of the project. This will include refreshed commitments to apprenticeships, skills, training, work experience, education visits, use of local supply chains, and jobs for Ealing residents during both the construction and operational phase.
- Business and Community Investment: A commitment to invest a proportional amount of the £7.5m CEF and BLEF allocation for Greater London to support Ealing's businesses and communities most impacted by the construction works.
- Onward Connections and Travel: Improvements to local transport infrastructure and active travel routes to facilitate good onward travel connections from the new station as a temporary terminus and eventual through station.

Ealing Council commits to work proactively and positively with HS2, so you can achieve your objectives whilst at the same time ensuring our local communities most impacted by the construction can benefit from a positive legacy. This should be a common and shared obligation for both organisations and we look forward to progressing this with you.





Yours sincerely,

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