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Dear Allison Thomas

Removal of Safeguarding Directions for the former Phase 2b of High Speed Two (HS2)

Yesterday the Secretary of State for Transport has made a statement in Parliament removing the uncertainty that has affected many people along the route. Safeguarding Directions between Marston (North Warwickshire) and Leeds, and the spur between Methley (Leeds) and Ulleskelf (North Yorkshire) have been removed. This is accompanied by the closure of the Rural Support Zone (RSZ), Extended Homeowner Protection Zone (EHPZ), and Need to Sell (NTS) schemes in those areas.

No land within your Local Authority area remains within Safeguarding Directions or these scheme zones following Yesterday's announcement.

Safeguarding Directions
Safeguarding is an established part of the planning process, designed to ensure that land identified for major infrastructure projects, such as HS2, is protected from conflicting development. Eligible property owners in the safeguarded zone can submit a Blight Notice, requesting that the Secretary of State for Transport buys their property at its unblighted market value.

The Secretary of State for Transport has removed the Safeguarding Directions in this area since there is no longer a need to protect the land from conflicting development. We are also writing to property owners and landowners within the relevant areas who are affected by the changes.

What do Local Planning Authorities need to do?
As no land in your Local Authority area remains within HS2 Safeguarding Directions, your Development Management Team will no longer be required to act in accordance with these.

Any outstanding planning applications for your Local Authority that have already been referred to HS2 Ltd for comment will be responded to with no objections.

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Accessing information

The revised Safeguarding GIS shapefiles have been uploaded to the data.gov website at: **Phase 2 – Safeguarding - data.gov.uk** and the package of documents has been uploaded to the HS2 dedicated safeguarding website page at: **www.gov.uk/government/collections/hs2-safeguarding**.

Contacting HS2 Ltd

If you or your Development Management teams have any questions, in the first instance, please contact the HS2 Ltd Safeguarding Planning Manager at: town.planning@hs2.org.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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