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THE PRIME MINISTER

Dear Councillor Hayward

Thank you for your letter of 7 July.

I am fully committed to High Speed 2 (HS2). It is essential that our country continues to invest in infrastructure projects like HS2, which will provide vital capacity for rail passengers and our transport system, as well as a once in a lifetime opportunity to rebalance our country's economy.

I do however appreciate the uncertainty that HS2 brings for Camden. Communities and businesses in Camden, as well as those along the wider HS2 route, must be at the heart of our considerations as we construct the new railway.

I hope that the assurances given to the London Borough of Camden by the Secretary of State for Transport to provide your residents with additional mitigation and community benefits will have gone some way to address their concerns.

I know you are already working closely with senior officials from the Department for Transport and HS2 Ltd regarding these matters and I encourage you to continue that discussion. This will be essential in reducing the impacts of HS2 whilst extracting maximum benefit from the opportunities that it will bring.

On the status of EU migrants living and working in the UK, we will work with our European neighbours to protect the rights of EU citizens in the UK as well as UK citizens based in Europe. The new Department for Exiting the EU will lead on these important negotiations.

Yours sincerely
Sarah

Councillor Sarah Hayward