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Attention of Mr Phil Gaskin

Chair

Calvert Parish Council

12th January 2021

Dear Phil

I write to thank you for giving us a voice. I Chair Little Missenden Parish Council. I sat and watched you speak to the Committee and my wife kept asking why are you shouting at the television. My explanation was simple. Phil Gaskin of Calvert Green PC is saying what we all experiencing at the hands of HS2 and its contractors. The man is talking sense why aren't the Committee getting the message?

Little Missenden Parish Council was assured at the petitioning that it would not be affected by the construction of HS2. Our expert Andy Cordiner during petitioning highlighted that the proposed access to the Little Missenden vent shaft site was unsafe, but this was dismissed by HS2 and Buckinghamshire County Council as was.

LMPC has not sat on its hands. Council implemented many child safe guarding steps in the village of Hyde Heath and in particular near the school. As LMPC knew the Chesham road vent shaft site would have an impact on Hyde Heath. But out of the blue HS2 and its contractor Align announced a temporary roundabout on the A413 and the closing of one of the lanes on the dual carriage.

The impact of this changes

- Undermines all the safe guarding measure in Hyde Heath
- Create long queues on the A413 which change traffic patterns as drivers will seek alternative routes to avoid the long delays
- Route traffic into Little Missenden village pass its village school

I could go on, but attached is a report by Andy Cordiner will give you a fully picture.

When LMPC raised its concerns with HS2 / Align all were dismissed, with what has become the familiar line, under the Act and our experts say differently. When asked to show the modelling data or the legal argument to justify statements all is waved away by the statement we have been working with Buckinghamshire Highways.

LMPC was a lone voice as HS2 and its contractors like picking off picking off Councils one by one. Dealing with one site at a time so nobody has an overall picture. So LMPC joined Gt Missenden Town Council and the Lee Common Parish Council to create a more united front. Our Buckinghamshire Councillors have been working with us.



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These simple steps have made a big difference. Our group has delayed the proposed roundabout as we have taken a collective approach with BC Highways. We have been able to present to HS2 Commissioners the bigger picture of the issues faced from HS2 and its contractors. Our team has produced a report highlighting keys issues not addressed by HS2 that has serious implications for residents and in particular school children.

I waffle on and should cut to the chase. Could we add your voice to our number? We feel that if more Parish and Town Councils shared information concerning the impact of HS2 and contractors ignoring agreed procedures and routes it would have greater effect.

I have cc in all Parish and Town Councils on the route to see if more will join. The idea is simple. We have set up a team to collect and collate all information, that will then be compiled into a monthly report which will then be sent to BC Highways and the HS2 Commissioners. The Commissioners welcome the input as it gives them a better understanding of what is going on and the impact on residents.

Our group is led by Buckinghamshire Councillor Peter Martin. It has a comprehensive plan as to how this scheme would work, but most importantly a communication strategy to keep all Councils involved, up to date and getting concerns heard.

We cannot stop HS2 but surely we can hold it and the contractors accountable. Would your Council consider joining our choir?

Thank you again

Kind Regards

Stephen Burke
Chair of LMPC