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Dear Sir/Madam,

HIGH SPEED TWO- PHASE TWO ROUTE CONSULTATION

West Lancashire Borough Council would like to thank you for providing us with the opportunity to provide comments regarding the above consultation.

The Council would like to support the proposed HS2-Phase 2 recognising the proposed wider economic benefits the proposed scheme will bring to the North West and Country generally. We would like to support the links to Manchester, Liverpool, Preston and Wigan which will provide West Lancashire with access to the high speed network.

Although we would like to support the current scheme we would also like to press for improvements to the proposed route including requesting that the full high speed network is extended alongside the classic compatible routes and in particular we would like to request that a full high speed line to Liverpool be considered, as we believe this would provide the wider Liverpool City Region (of which West Lancashire is a part) with significant economic benefits helping the LCR maintain competitive on a regional/national level.

We would also like to request that upgrades are considered to the existing rail network ensuring that links to the high speed network are maintained and enhanced. An example of this would be the provision of a rail link direct from Liverpool to Skelmersdale. As part of this proposal we also believe that it will be important to ensure that services on the classic West Coast Main line are also protected, ensuring that any loss to existing service is kept to a minimum.

Yours faithfully,

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