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31 January 2013

Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Sirs

**HS2 SAFEGUARDING FOR LONDON – WEST MIDLANDS AND PROPERTY AND LAND
COMPENSATIONS CONSULTATIONS**

We attach the 51m alliance of councils provisional response to your consultations. Individual councils will also be responding to you on local issues.

As you know, we have requested additional time for a response to enable us to know the judgment in the five claims for judicial review which have been made in respect of the January 2012 decisions.

That request has been refused by you.

We remain of the view that the time should have been extended and that to insist on keeping to the deadline of 31 January, despite the fact that the judgment will soon be known, is a waste of time and public money.

We give you notice that our submission is necessarily incomplete and unreliable as a statement of our position, because we have not seen the judgment. We therefore give you notice that we maintain the right to make further submissions, which must be considered, following the judgment and/or to challenge any safeguarding decision made on the basis of consultation carried out before the judgment is public.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Martin Tett'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single, sweeping stroke.

Councillor Martin Tett
Chairman of 51m and Leader of Buckinghamshire County Council