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Dear Sir/madam

AREA REFERENCE: MA03: PICKMERE TO AGDEN AND HULSEHEATH

Firstly, Mere Parish Council reaffirms its opposition to HS2.

The response from Mere Parish Council to the **HS2 2b consultation** is as follows:

- The bridge over HS2 on Chapel Lane and Peacock Lane, if built, should be completed from both sides and the roads should be improved to facilitate the HGV traffic.
- Mere Parish Council is very concerned about noise levels when the scheme is finished. The noise maps show that by Winterbottom and Daisy Bank Farm the noise contours retreat towards the track. It is clear that these properties and all the properties at Winterbottom, (Winterbottom Farm, Winterbottom House, Mere Heyes Farm and the barn conversions at Mere Heyes Farm) will be severely affected by noise from HS2. We are also concerned about the noise from High Legh fly over (12m in height and the Hulse Heath embankment is 9m high). These will affect the properties on Bowden View Lane and Chapel Lane respectively.
- We are also concerned about the visual impact of HS2 in the parish. Page 164 of volume 2, MA03 says in year 1 high magnitude of change and a major adverse effect and year 15 it says magnitude of change would remain high and a major adverse effect.
- Page 78 of volume 2, MA03 says that keeping stockpiles away from sensitive receptors where reasonably practicable, also taking into account the prevailing wind direction relative to sensitive receptors. It is clear to the parish council that the stock pile between Bowden View Lane, Bucklowhill Lane and the A50 Warrington Road is very close to New Cottages, Bowden View Cottages and York Barn are all very close to this stockpile and the residents will be adversely affected. We are also concerned over drainage with this proposal.
- We are concerned about the effect of the A50 main compound called A50 Cliff Lane main compound and transfer node. Please note there is no Cliff Lane in Mere. The nearest Cliff Lane is in Grappenhall. The compound is there for five years and three months and it is to be a base for 110 workers. This is very close to the residents of Hoo Green Lane and Oakwood Road and is of great concern to these residents.

- *We are also concerned about the **mistakes in the report** which are as follows:*
 - i A50 Cliff Lane compound mentioned above.*
 - ii That Bowden View Lane two residential properties and three industrial units are all residential properties.*
 - iii Proposed auto-transformer feeder station locations in each option 1A, 1B, 1D and 4D all talk about the proposed impact on the residents of Yew Tree Farm and Heyrose Farm and Heyrose Golf Club. These are in Tabley **not in Mere**. There is a Yew Tree Farm in Mere close to the sites but not as close as the residents of Hoo Green Lane and Oakwood Road. The parish council is concerned about the proximity of these transformers to these properties.*
- *We believe that you have carried out a desk top assessment of the local area and have not visited it. Thus we are concerned about how many mistakes have been made.*
- *Page 83 of MA03 volume 2, 6.38 talks of the village of Hoo Green with 50 residential properties. Hoo Green was the bowling green at the Kilton Inn and is now the car park. The properties in Hoo Green Lane and Oakwood Road are in the parish of Mere and Mere Parish Council is the appropriate representative body for the parish.*
- *We are concerned about the effect on farms on the route and their future viability as a result of this scheme, Also the loss of local employment which page 173 of volume 2 states 60 jobs could be lost in the locality.*
- *There are also concerns over drainage as properties and farm land drainage will be adversely affected.*

Yours faithfully

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