



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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Dear Constituent,

A Response to the Please Scrap HS2 Campaign

Thank you for contacting me about HS2.

HS2 will improve connections between our biggest cities and regions, and generate jobs, skills and economic growth. It will also mean thousands of extra seats and faster journeys for passengers travelling to and from Edinburgh and Glasgow. The completion of Phase 2a, between London Euston and Crewe, will see the journey between Glasgow and London reduced by 45 minutes to under four hours, with journey times eventually reduced to around 3 hours and 40 minutes with completion of Phase 2b.

I believe that HS2 will not only significantly enhance intercity rail services, it will also drive regional regeneration and support job creation.

I am aware that the Prime Minister has launched an independent review of the HS2 project, looking into whether and how HS2 should go forward. It will consider HS2's benefits and impacts, affordability and efficiency, deliverability and scope, as well as its phasing, including its relationship with Northern Powerhouse Rail.

The review will offer clear advice on the future of HS2 to the Government in the autumn, and it will inform how the project proceeds.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading 'Alister Jack'.

The Rt. Hon. Alister Jack MP
Dumfries and Galloway constituency.