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Cllr M Pervez
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Dear

Pervez,

I welcomed the opportunity to receive your briefing on the alternative proposal for the HS2 route which has been developed by the City Council. You will appreciate there are a number of details of your proposal which we would wish to consider at greater length. However, on the basis that the proposal by the City Council would give significant economic benefit to North Staffordshire, this is certainly something which this council would wish to support in principle.

We have seen the econometric analysis produced by KPMG which shows that the impact of there not being a station stop in Stoke and Staffordshire North has a negative impact on our economy of upto £78m per annum. The work undertaken on your proposal suggests an estimated uplift in Gross Additional GVA of 52% and therefore will considerably assist the regeneration of this area.

You will be aware of the work of the Member Working Group which has developed this council's response to the consultation process. Indeed, we were grateful to the input made by the City Council to this process. At the time we met you proposed alternative route alignment had not been formulated and it may be appropriate that we reconvene that Group to consider in more detail your proposal.

Yours sincerely

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