

David Lunts
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Dear Mr Peterson,

Thank you for your letter of November 11th 2019.

I can assure you that the OPDC is taking the matters that you raise very seriously, and that we are committed to full transparency and accountability in our decision making, including the HS2 review and the Planning Inspector's interim report. You will, however, appreciate that it is entirely appropriate for these issues to be considered carefully, and to some extent, in a private session, so as to avoid compromising the Corporation, and the wider public sector's legitimate interests, with third parties. As a former local government official, you will also no doubt appreciate that the Corporation is bound by statutory constraints during the formal pre-election period, which will require that public discussion of these and other potentially contentious issues, are postponed until after the forthcoming general election.

Yours sincerely
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