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Dear Alderman Goyal,

Thank you for your letter of 13 February about the High Speed Two (HS2) Euston station.

I appreciate your support for the HS2 programme. Investing in infrastructure is investing in our future prosperity, and the development of the 60-acre Euston campus will have significant public, economic and social benefits. In addition to being a hub for efficient, swift, and low-carbon travel, it will generate growth, create new homes with provision for affordable and social housing, and deliver new public and green space.

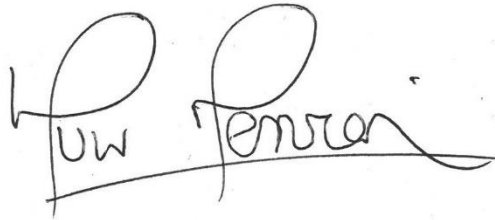
As you correctly note, the Chancellor of the Exchequer confirmed – both recently and during last year's Autumn Statement – that the Government remains committed to delivering HS2 from Euston to Manchester. Spades are in the ground and there are now over 350 active construction sites between London and the West Midlands.

In line with best practice for major programmes, Phase One of HS2 is expected to have a staged opening. Initial services for HS2 Phase One will run from Old Oak Common, in west London, to Birmingham Curzon Street. Euston Station is a large and complex design where rail and underground services continue to operate during construction; this phased approach will unlock substantial economic benefits until the station's completion.

The latest delivery-into-service estimates were set out in the Government's last six-monthly HS2 report to Parliament, published in October 2022. These ranges may be amended, and the Government would provide an update accordingly.

I hope this reply is helpful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Merriman'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

HUW MERRIMAN MP

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