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Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

Secretary of State for Transport

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Dear Rt Hon Mark Harper MP,

Following the Government’s recent announcement on HS2 and as a consequence its commitment to further investment in infrastructure projects in the Midlands and North of England as part of its Levelling Up agenda, North West Leicestershire District Council has passed the following motion at a meeting of its full Council on 14 November:

“This Council welcomes the progress being made to finally see the Ivanhoe line reaching the next stage, but strongly encourages the Department for Transport and Network Rail to continue exploring the opportunities to complete the second phase of the Ivanhoe Line from Coalville to Leicester and to also assess the feasibility of adding a station in Moira following the cancellation of the eastern leg of HS2”.

The Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can best engage with your department as this significant infrastructure project progresses to ensure it realises the maximum benefit to our district and the regeneration of Coalville, our largest town.

Yours sincerely

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