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Crossrail2  
Transport for London

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Dear Sir /Madam

### **Cross Rail 2 Consultation**

Thank you for consulting Surrey Heath Borough Council on the proposals for Cross Rail 2. Having regard to the consultation documents and fact sheets the following officer comments are made. Officers will be seeking the Council's Executive endorsement for these comments at the Executive meeting on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Surrey Heath Borough Council supports the proposal of Cross Rail 2 in principle. Cross Rail 2 could deliver further South West Main Line capacity which could deliver released capacity for the Bagshot, Camberley and Frimley route and released capacity at Ash Vale. Both these options help Surrey Heath's ambitions to seek an improved service to Waterloo.

Surrey Heath Borough Council has had positive input into Network Rails Wessex Route Study. The Council's Executive has previously agreed Surrey Heath's position on this study. The Wessex Route Study identifies priority interventions, including the Woking grade separation which will improve capacity on the South West Main Line.

Surrey Heath Borough Council supports the provision of the Woking Grade Separation and Woking Platform capacity work. Provision of the flyover could improve connectivity of Windsor line trains to the South West Main Line to Woking and London which could allow for faster journey times to Waterloo with an improved waiting time at Ash Vale. Any proposal to terminate Cross Rail 2 services at Woking should not have a detrimental impact on the benefits from the proposed Woking flyover.

It is noted that the consultation states that Cross Rail 2 could support the delivery of 200,000 new homes across London and the wider south east. It will be for the plan making process to determine the level of development within Surrey Heath rather than it be determined by Cross Rail 2. Development would need to have regard to the constraints which the Borough faces such as Green Belt, flood risk and other infrastructure capacity issues.

Yours sincerely

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