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Dear Mr Lidington MP,

Thank you for your letter of 18 June.

In response to your concerns, I can confirm that neither HS2 Ltd nor HS2 Ltd's contractors have been carrying out geological survey work in the Hughenden Valley over recent weeks.

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise that no final decision has been taken on whether to proceed with high speed rail or, if so, exactly where a route would be. The new Government has asked us to undertake further work on the route to the West Midlands, including work on connections to Heathrow. There are also a number of very important steps, particularly full public consultation which is anticipated to take place early in the New Year and obtaining parliamentary approval, both of which must take place before those decisions are taken.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alison Munro'.

**Alison Munro**  
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