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Secretary of State for Transport  
Rt Hon Mark Harper MP  
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Dear Secretary of State,

I launched a campaign earlier this year to secure a new train station at Winchburgh and have since met with the Minister for Transport, Network Rail, ScotRail and Winchburgh Developments regarding building the station.

Winchburgh is set to be home for over 4,000 families due to an expansion agreed as part of the Edinburgh City Region Deal, going from 1,800 homes in 2021 to 4,100 in eight years' time. Winchburgh Developments funded a new junction on the M9 to allow direct access from Winchburgh village, but residents bought their homes on the understanding there would be a station to give ready access to the main Edinburgh-Glasgow line, which is essential because Winchburgh people need a sustainable, low-carbon alternative to the car to access jobs and services in Edinburgh. If the station does not happen, further house building could be limited to 750 units, and the housing crisis in the Lothians will worsen.

Now the northern leg of HS2, Birmingham to Manchester, has been scrapped I am writing to you about the reallocation of HS2 funding. The Winchburgh expansion was part of the UK Government-backed Edinburgh Region City Deal, the station would be an ideal recipient of part of the cash diverted from HS2.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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