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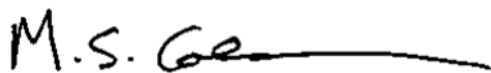
Dear Heidi Alexander MP,

I am writing on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council to seek an update on the introduction of passenger services between Oxford and Milton Keynes as part of the new East West Rail line. You will appreciate this is of concern to local residents and businesses in the Vale of White Horse.

Given that East West Rail handed over the newly rebuilt line to Network Rail back in December 2024, it is extremely disappointing that it is not yet operational.

I would welcome an update from you on the position in getting this service operational for passengers and resolution of the ongoing disputes involving Chiltern Railways. It would also be useful to understand the Government's plans for this line as part of the transition to Great British Railways?

Yours sincerely,



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cc. Richard Allan, Managing Director Chiltern Railways