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Dear Councillor,

Update on proposals for East Midlands Intermodal Park, South Derbyshire

I am writing to update you on Goodman Shepherd's plans to develop the East Midlands Intermodal Park (EMIP) in South Derbyshire.

Earlier this year we held the first stage of consultation on the proposals, which included nine public information days. Over 300 people responded to this first stage which has been extremely useful in helping us design the best possible scheme. We are currently considering all the responses and will be publishing an Interim Consultation Report before the next stage of consultation. This report is designed to respond to the comments and questions put to us by residents and stakeholders and will be published on the project website www.emipark.co.uk. We will write to you again once the report has been published.

For Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIPs), such as EMIP, the Government encourages early consultation with affected local communities before plans have been fully developed and when there are still options to be considered. The consultation we undertook this summer was at an early stage of the process whilst our assessments were ongoing. This inevitably meant we were not able to answer many of the detailed questions posed by residents and stakeholders. At the next stage of consultation we will be publishing preliminary environmental information on the evolved scheme which will enable local people to better understand its potential impacts.

This second stage of consultation will not take place until the end of the year or early next year to allow us to fully consider the feedback received as we review the scheme design and develop our environmental assessments. We will contact you again nearer the time to provide details of this second stage of consultation.

EMIP is a Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) which will allow goods to be moved between rail and road networks, enabling the region's businesses to efficiently and sustainably transport goods around the UK. The project represents an investment of at least £250 million which could deliver substantial benefits to businesses in the region enabling them to sustainably transport goods across the UK by rail.

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If you would like any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the project team on Freephone 0800 1701418 or info@emipark.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Pritchard', written in a cursive style.

Ian Pritchard
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