

Dear Mr Harrold

By way of introduction, I act on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**NR**) in connection with the Drax BECCS DCO Scheme and my client has forwarded your email below on to me.

Further to NR's Written Representations dated 22 February 2023 (a copy of which is attached), NR has been in discussions with the Promoter as to agreeing a private agreement to regulate how works in proximity to the Railway are undertaken to ensure the continued safe operation of the Railway and ensure any necessary asset protection agreements are entered into in lieu of protective provisions being included within the DCO. NR has now reached agreement with the Promoter on the terms of this private agreement and is in the process of arranging for the agreement to be completed. Once the agreement is completed, NR will be in a position to withdraw its objection to the scheme, which we estimate will be in the next 1-2 weeks.

On this basis and so as to not waste the time and cost of the parties in attendance at the Issue Specific Hearing 4, NR does not propose to attend the hearing.

I trust that this clarifies NR's position, but should you have any further queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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