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Dear Sir/Madam

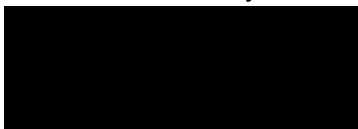
APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 138 PLANNING ACT 2008 – STATUTORY UNDERTAKERS TELECOMMUNICATIONS OPERATORS’ RIGHTS AND APPARATUS’

BRAMFORD TO TWINSTEAD

Thank you for your letter dated 27 February 2024. We have reviewed the application under Section 138 Planning Act 2008 – Statutory Undertakers Telecommunications Operators’ Rights and Apparatus’ (Document 8.11.4) and in particular table 1.1. The applicant has reiterated that they do not propose to discharge the requirement for a Flood Risk Activity Permit. Therefore we concur with the applicants statement in section 6 of the table.

In relation to any impact on maintenance activities, the temporary bridge will be crossing over part of the Bures to Cornard flood banks. These are raised earth embankment defences built on the rivers edge to keep flood waters off arable land. As these defences do not provide flood protection to people and property (housing) they do not attract any recurring maintenance funding, so the Environment Agency does not carry out any recurring maintenance activities on these defences except asset inspection, which is a visual inspection for condition, carried out every year. Access would need to be available for this visual inspection to take place.

Yours faithfully



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