

**Respondent: Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd**

**Reference Number: 20025158**

**Examining Authority's First Written Questions (ExQ1)**

**CA1.3.43: What is the current positions of the Applicant and Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.in terms of protective provisions? (Appendix B of the Statement of Reasons [APP-022] refers.)**

**If agreement has not been reached on protective provisions, what is the envisaged timescale for such an agreement?**

Network Rail engaged with Aquind prior to submission of the Order regarding Network Rail's required form of protective provisions. Following the submission of the DCO there were some minor updates to Network Rail's standard form protective provision to modernise the language. These updates have been shared with Aquind and are annexed to Network Rail's written representations.

While discussions between the parties regarding the form of the protective provisions are on-going, recent discussions have been positive.

It is Network Rail's expectation that there will be an agreed form of protective provisions in the next few weeks.