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Dear Sirs,

**Planning Act 2008
DCO Application by Highways England for A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement
Scheme**

We are writing to you on behalf of our client Royal Mail Group Ltd (Royal Mail).

We are instructed by Royal Mail to notify the Examining Authority under section 89(2A) b of the Planning Act 2008 that Royal Mail wishes to become an Interested Party.

Royal Mail is responsible for providing efficient mail sorting and delivery nationally. As a Universal Service Provider under the Postal Services Act 2011, Royal Mail has a statutory duty to deliver mail to every residential and business address in the country as well as collecting mail from all Post Offices and post boxes on a daily basis.

Royal Mail's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. Disruption to the highway network and traffic delays can have direct consequences on Royal Mail's operations, potentially affecting its ability to meet its obligations as a Universal Service Provider and resulting in financial loss.

In exercising its statutory duties Royal Mail uses the A14 on a daily basis.

We can confirm that Royal Mail has no issue with the principle of the proposed A14 Improvement Scheme, which is expected to be of benefit to all users of this road once complete. However, Royal Mail is concerned about the potential for disruption to its mail collection, transport and delivery during the construction phase.

This letter has been copied to Highways England in order that it is aware of Royal Mail's concern.

Royal Mail wishes to be kept informed of progress with the Examination and is likely to be submitting written representations by Deadline 2.





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Please direct any enquiries of Royal Mail or responses to the request set out in this letter to Daniel Parry-Jones of this office in the first instance.

Yours faithfully

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cc John Rowland – Highways England
Toni Lyng – Royal Mail Legal Director
Paul Bridson – Royal Mail Head of Property Asset Management