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To Frances Fernandes – Lead Member of the Panel of Examination Inspectors

Dear Ms. Fernandes,

Following the above meeting, we have been advised by Mr Andrew Munro of Cambridgeshire County Council, that there were discussions relating to the new Requirement 12 of the Draft DCO relating to the details of noise barriers, and that the Planning Inspectorate are requesting the view of local authorities in this respect.

Huntingdonshire District Council are pleased to advise that we would like to request that we are consulted on any proposals for acoustic mitigation as set out by Requirement 12 under Schedule 2 Requirements (Part 1 Requirements). While the District Council appreciates and acknowledges that the scheme is going to have a beneficial effect on a significant number of our residents, we are also aware that the scheme will have a negative effect on a number of properties. You will be aware that this is covered in our submitted 'Written Representation' and our request that noise monitoring is considered and required for 'any possible situation where an affected property might become an adversely affected property requiring suitable mitigation within the future design year period for the scheme and that this should be considered as part of the Examination process'. Section 8 (b) (x) of our submitted Written Representation refers.

The District Council also considers that we should also be consulted on any proposals for acoustic mitigation. This is due to two reasons, firstly, that we have the local knowledge of the area and, secondly, our Environmental Health department has the acoustic expertise in assessing the potential impact of developments. Therefore the District Council will be able to judge if proposals are adequate to prevent these properties from being classed as adversely affect properties in the event of any monitoring or complaint investigation.

Highways England has advocated transparency on the publication of recommendations with regards to protected species, landscaping, archaeology, and drainage. The District Council considers that this should also be applicable to acoustic mitigation as it is a well-known fact that excessive noise can have a significant detrimental effect on the wellbeing on sensitive receptors. Sufficient consultation on any deviations from the already assessed submissions will allow the District Council to consider the impact on these changes on the residents of Huntingdonshire as it remains the Council's statutory duty to represent these residents and ensure that the scheme has the least negative effect on them as possible.

Yours sincerely

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