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Dear Planning Inspectorate

Deadline 5 – Submission of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

We refer to the Applicant's Responses to the ExA's Second Written Questions (REP4-024) and specifically to the response to Question 2.11 relating to the proposed closure of the access to Ford Lane from the A38 with an alternative access from the A6 having to be relied on.

Network Rail requires use of Ford Lane, and the bridge over the River Derwent, to access the Midland Mainline for maintenance purposes. To meet Network Rail's requirements, the alternative route must be capable of:

1. Accommodating 40T vehicles and Network Rail requires reassurance that the route, including the River Derwent Bridge, will be capable of accommodating such vehicles;
2. Accommodating articulated low loader vehicles that are capable of delivering 60 feet long lengths of rail to the Midland Mainline. Network Rail is particularly concerned that the access to Ford Lane from the A6 may not be capable of providing access for such vehicles and Network Rail has not received a swept path analysis that provides evidence of the suitability of the A6/Ford Lane junction for such vehicles. Accordingly, Network Rail objects to the closure of the access to Ford Lane from the A38.

Kind regards

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