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Dear Sir

**DCO Scheme: M25 Junction 28 Scheme**  
**Our client: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**  
**Subject: Response to First Written Questions**

This Firm is instructed by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**NR**) in relation to the M25 Junction 28 DCO Scheme.

**Response to Examining Authority's Written Question GQ 1.5**

The Examining Authority's issued its "Written Questions and Requests for information" on 13 January 2021 requiring responses to be provided by Deadline 2 (4 February 2021). The Written Questions included the following question directed at NR (reference GQ 1.5):

GQ 1.5	<i>Railway Operations</i> <b>Network Rail</b>	In its RR [RR-002], Network Rail states that it wishes to object to the Proposed Development on the ground that the proposed works <i>might</i> [ExA emphasis] interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the railway. The Works Plans [APP-006] show Work No.7 (M25 northbound improvement works) commencing northwards of the Network Rail bridge (i.e. not underneath it) towards the development site.  Explain in more detail how the Proposed Development (other than Compulsory Acquisition (CA) matters which are asked in the section below) would affect the operation of the railway.
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In response to question GQ 1.5, NR is in discussions with Highways England (**Promoter**) in order to fully ascertain the impacts (if any) of the Proposed Development on NR's operations and NR has requested that the Promoter make contact with NR's engineers in this regard.

As yet, NR is not in a position to confirm whether or not the Proposed Development will have any impact on the safe and efficient operation of the railway. NR will confirm the position on this matter as soon as it has been ascertained between NR's engineers and the Promoter.

We will update PINS as soon as possible on this matter. In the meantime, we would be grateful if you could confirm if an extension of time for an additional 7 days can be granted in order that a full response to Question GQ 1.5 can be provided by NR.

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We look forward to hearing from you.

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