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Attachments: Royal Mail Deadline 9 A1 Birtley Examination Statement.pdf

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Please find attached Royal Mail's Statement as at Deadline 9.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt.

With thanks.

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Royal Mail Examination Statement – Summary of Royal Mail's position as at Deadline 9 – 8 July 2020

Following negotiations between Royal Mail and Highways England, on 25 June 2020 Highways England's Solicitors proposed by email the following amendments to paragraph 2.8.1 of the draft Construction Traffic Management Plan at Appendix B to the Outline Construction Environmental Management Plan:

"Advanced notifications of programmed diversions and closures will be issued to major road users in the vicinity of the scheme including Royal Mail. This will include providing major road users with not less than 7 working days' notice of any road closures, diversions or alternative access arrangements that may affect travel on those routes and (if available) in all cases the agreed hours of working. Where routes used by Royal Mail and other major road users are affected as a result of works or diversions to the highway, wherever possible alternative routes and/or access arrangements will be agreed with and provided for Royal Mail and other major road users. This will form part of a wider communications plan associated with the scheme. The method of communication will be agreed as part of the final CTMP. Highways England will consult with Royal Mail on the content of the final CTMP".

Highways England's Solicitors have today confirmed by email that the above amendments will be incorporated into the final Construction Traffic Management Plan. On the basis of this confirmation, Royal Mail hereby withdraws its objection.

In reaching this agreement with Highways England, Royal Mail is not setting a precedent and the withdrawal of the objection in this case by Royal Mail should not be taken as such.

Royal Mail has provided to Highways England by email today the relevant contacts at its local operational facilities for communication going forward. Royal Mail has requested confirmation that these contacts will be notified and consulted by Highways England or its contractor.

Should the Examining Authority have any questions arising from this statement then Royal Mail will be pleased to respond in writing.