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Dear Sirs

**DCO Scheme: A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction**  
**Our client: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**  
**Subject: Written Representations**  
**Deadline: Deadline 1 (13 October 2021)**

This Firm is instructed by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**NR**) in relation to Highways England's (**Promoter**) application for a development consent order in respect of the DCO Scheme and we write further to NR's Relevant Representations submitted on 6 July 2021 (Examination Library Reference RR-008).

As stated in document RR-008, NR objects to the making of the A47/A11 Thickthorn Junction Development Consent Order 202[X] (**Order**) on the ground that the proposed works may interfere with the safe and efficient operation of the railway.

NR has carried out a detailed assessment of the Land Plans and Book of Reference submitted with the Promoter's application for the DCO Scheme and notes that the following plots forming part of the DCO Scheme include or are adjacent to NR-owned land and which therefore may give rise to impacts on NR's railway infrastructure:

- 7/5g (to be permanently acquired)
- 7/5h (to be permanently acquired)
- 7/5i (to be permanently acquired)
- 7/5j (to be permanently acquired)
- 7/6b (to be used temporarily)
- 7/6c (to be used temporarily)
- 7/12a (to be used temporarily - although we understand from discussions with the Promoter that this plot may be subsequently removed from the DCO scheme)

In order for NR to be in a position to withdraw its objection to the making of the Order, it will require the following matters to be concluded and secured to its satisfaction:

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1. the inclusion in the draft Order of NR's standard protective provisions to address the potential impacts arising as a result of the DCO Scheme on the safe and efficient operation of the railway;
2. the completion of a framework agreement entered into between NR and the Promoter to make further provision for their respective interests so far as the design, construction and operation of the DCO Scheme interfaces with NR's operational railway (including NR's review and prior approval of the design proposals for the parts of the DCO scheme which interface with the railway at detailed design and construction stages); and
3. the completion of a form of asset protection agreement to govern the construction of the parts of the DCO Scheme which are located on or adjacent to operational railway land.

NR is progressing discussions with the Promoter and its legal representatives with regards to the agreement of these matters and setting these out in an agreed draft Statement of Common Ground which shall be submitted as soon as possible in due course.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully



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