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Mr and Mrs Simpkins

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Dear Mr and Mrs Simpkins,

**PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR A DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER FOR A NEW RAILWAY CHORD, NORTH OF DONCASTER (NORTH DONCASTER CHORD)**

Thank you for your email dated 8 June 2011 regarding your thoughts on the development. It is helpful for the IPC to be kept notified of the progress of this application from local stakeholders. Your comments have been noted.

At the pre-application stage of the process, the developer is under a duty to consult statutory bodies and the local community. If you wish, you may send any comments on the consultation – whether positive or negative – to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC). The IPC will invite local authority consultees including DMBC, as the local authority within whose area the scheme is located, to submit an 'Adequacy of Consultation Representation' once we receive the application from Network Rail. We do this as part of the checks the IPC carries out to determine whether or not we can accept the application for examination. In deciding whether or not to accept an application the IPC must, amongst other matters, have regard to any adequacy of consultation representation received by it from a local authority consultee.

As your email states that no consultation has taken place with affected residents and businesses in the town of Askern, we have taken a decision in this instance to forward your correspondence to DMBC and the developer for their consideration.

Once an application is submitted and if it has been accepted to go forward to examination, the public are invited to register their interest and submit a 'Relevant Representation' to the IPC with a summary of their comments. More detailed representations can then be made during the examination stage. Further information can be found on our website on the following address: [www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure](http://www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure).

If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact us at the address or email provided.

Yours sincerely

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