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<b>Subject:</b>	RE: Shaftholme Railway Chord (North Doncaster Chord)		

Dear Ms. Rogers,

Thank you for your email of 15 June 2011 at 8.17pm in connection with the proposed North Doncaster Chord project.

This case remains, at present, at the pre-application stage. However, as we are expecting the imminent submission of this application, we have taken a decision in this instance to forward your correspondence to Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council, as the local authority in whose area this proposed development is situated, and the developer.

The IPC is unable to advise on the merits of this proposal. We are though able to advise on procedural matters and want to emphasise that there may be further opportunities for members of the public to make their views known to the IPC on this proposal and its impacts in the event that the forthcoming application is accepted for examination.

Please note that the IPC decision as to whether or not to accept the forthcoming application will not be a decision on the acceptability of the proposed scheme. Rather, it will be an initial decision as to whether the tests in section 55 of the Planning Act 2008 have been met, which include whether the applicant's pre-application procedural duties (including local community consultation) have been complied with.

If a submitted application is accepted to go forward to examination, the applicant will then publicise this in the local and national press together with a deadline for people to submit a 'Relevant Representation' to the IPC in order for them to register as an 'interested party'. This process requires people registering to give a summary of what they believe the key issues are regarding the proposal. More detailed representations can then be made during the examination stage. However, please note that the IPC will not accept representations which are, for example, frivolous or vexatious.

You may also wish to keep an eye on our website regarding this proposed project, at the following address: [www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure](http://www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure) <outbind://201/www.independent.gov.uk/infrastructure> . You may also wish to have a look at the 'Advice and Guidance' section on our website. The IPC 'Advice Note 8' series, in particular, gives advice on the examination process and how local people and others may have their say on accepted applications.

I hope this is useful. If you would like any further details on matters of process, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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