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The Chief Executive
Infrastructure Planning Commission
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1st May 2012.



Dear Sir

My constituent Clare Peck, 3, Railway Cottages, Sproughton Road, Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 5AQ.

I have been contacted recently by my constituent Clare Peck of the above address. As you may be aware Mrs Peck lives in property which is affected by Network Rail's need to carry out essential Rail improvements and, as a result, has been given six months' notice to quit the premises by her landlord.

Although I understand that it is essential that this work must take place I am extremely concerned to hear that no compensation is being paid to Mrs Peck for the inevitable expense and disruption that this enforced removal will cause.

Mrs Peck has for the past six months been a single mother to her two small daughters and although she works part time she is not in a position to pay a high rent and the notice to quit Railway Cottages has come as a devastating shock. The financial implications of the move are very serious for this family and I would appreciate it if you would investigate this case again and reconsider your previous decision regarding the payment of compensation.

I am aware that it is not a legal necessity to do so but in view of the financial hardship that their removal from Railway cottages will cause this family I am in no doubt that their case should be given special consideration.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours Sincerely

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## YOUR CONSTITUENT MS C PECK, RAILWAY COTTAGES, IPSWICH

Thank you for your letter of 1 May 2012, addressed to the Infrastructure Planning Commission (IPC), received in this office on 9 May 2012. You may be aware that the Infrastructure Planning Commission was abolished on 31 March 2012 and its functions are now carried out by the Planning Inspectorate.

The examination of Network Rail's application for development consent in this case closed on 22 March 2012, and a recommendation will be made in the near future to the Secretary of State for Transport, who has a period of three months in which to make her decision on the application.

Your constituent Ms Peck wrote to the Commission on 13 February regarding her concerns. Although this representation was received after the deadline for receipt of representations, the Examining Authority will take it into account.

The role of the Examining Authority in this respect is to determine whether the compulsory acquisition for which the applicant has applied is justified in accordance with legal tests, and make a recommendation accordingly. Eligibility for compensation in the event of compulsory acquisition of someone's interest in land is not determined by the Examining Authority or the Secretary of State. Ms Peck would need to seek her own legal advice regarding her eligibility, under the Compensation Code. Any such claim would need to be made to Network Rail.

Sir Michael Pitt Chief Executive

