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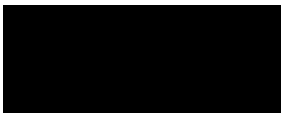
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1 PARTIES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMMON GROUND

The following parties have been provided reports copies of all of the reports undertaken by RSK to characterise the history and ground conditions of the Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange site;

- Environment Agency
- South Northamptonshire Council – Environmental Protection
- Highways England
- Northampton County Council - Highways (WSP)
- Northampton County Council – Minerals Safeguarding & Planning
- Natural England
- Network Rail
- Anglian Water

Full details of consulties are included within Appendix A.

2 SCOPE

This Statement of Common Ground aims to confirm the status of liaison with statutory regulators and other major stakeholders with respect to the geology, soils and groundwater elements of the master planning and environmental impact assessment.

3 RELEVANT DOCUMENTS

Reports pertaining to the geology, soils and groundwater at the proposed development site have been prepared by RSK Environment Ltd and provided to all of the consultancies listed within Section 1. The reports prepared include :

Preliminary Sources Study Reports (Desk Study)

- M1 Junction 15 West Main Development Site Preliminary Sources Study Report 313418 -01 – December 2016.
- M1 Junction 15 West Road Bypass Preliminary Sources Study Report 313418 -02 – December 2016.
- M1 Junction 15 West, Northampton Revised Junction Design Preliminary Sources Study Report 313588 -01 – April 2017.

Factual Ground Investigation Reports (Factual Report)

- M1 Junction 15 West, Northampton–Factual Ground Investigation Report 312598 -02 November 2014
- M1 Junction 15 West – Extended Development Site Supplementary Factual Ground Investigation Report 313582 -01 November 2017
- M1 Junction 15 West – Road Bypass Factual Ground Investigation Report 313583 -01 November 2017

Preliminary Ground Investigation Interpretative Report (Interpretative report)

- M1 Junction 15 West, Northampton–Preliminary Ground Investigation Interpretative Report 312598 -03 November 2014
- M1 Junction 15 West – Extended Development Site Supplementary Interpretative Ground Investigation Report 313582 -02 November 2017
- M1 Junction 15 West – Road Bypass Interpretative Ground Investigation Report 313583 -02 November 2017

4 AREAS OF AGREEMENT

All parties agree that;

1. Sufficient desk based investigation has been undertaken to establish the history and to characterise the ground conditions beneath the proposed development site and surrounding area to support outline master planning design and Environmental Impact Assessment related to ground conditions elements (geology, soils and groundwater).
2. Sufficient ground investigation has been undertaken across the site to enable development of a ground model for the proposed development site which will support outline master planning design and Environmental Impact Assessment related to ground conditions elements (geology, soils and groundwater).
3. The investigations have not identified any significant abnormal geotechnical risks which are considered likely to be present and significantly impact upon the viability of the proposed scheme or which could not be resolved by common civil engineering design and construction techniques.
4. The investigations have not identified any significant contamination related risks affecting human health, controlled waters or the environment that are considered likely to significantly impact upon environmental receptors and detrimentally impact the viability of the proposed scheme.
5. The investigations have not identified any significant or major natural geohazards that are considered likely to significantly impact the viability of the proposed scheme.
6. No significant risks have been identified which would suggest that the proposed development would be inappropriate for the ground conditions at this location.
7. No significant detrimental impacts would occur which would detrimentally or substantially impact upon the Geological SSSI – Roade Cutting.
8. Sterilisation of volumes of poor quality glacial sand and gravel mineral resources may occur beneath parts of the footprint alignment of the main SRFI site in the northern portion of the site. It is not considered sustainable or economically viable to undertake prior removal of sand and gravel mineral resources beneath this area. The technical and economic principles of the reasoning have been established and are compliant with the Northamptonshire Minerals and Waste Local Plan (Policies 28 and 30) and these have been agreed with the Mineral Safeguarding team of Northamptonshire County Council. The recommendations made within the reports should be considered

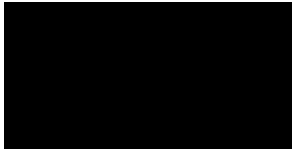
and actioned as the detailed design of the scheme develops following award of the Development Consent Order (DCO).

9. It is acknowledged that following award of the DCO, additional targeted Ground Investigation will be required to provide sufficient data for detailed design of the scheme and earthworks strategy and to obtain Technical Approval from the respective regulatory authorities.
10. It is also acknowledged that following award of the DCO, additional investigation is required to be undertaken in previously inaccessible areas to confirm the ground model in these areas.


5 AREAS OF DISAGREEMENT


None.

6 SIGNATURES

Company	Signatory	Date
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Company	Signatory	Date
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Company	Signatory	Date
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Company	Signatory	Date
Natural England Our area of agreement relates to Paragraph 7 <u>only</u>	 Jonathan Bustard Casework Manager West Anglia and Norfolk/Suffolk Teams Natural England	 8/2/18

APPENDIX A

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