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Subject: Northampton Gateway draft DCO [TR050006]: Confirmation of attendance at Preliminary Meeting and ISH1 by Network Rail [ADDGDD-Live.FID2721496]

For the attention of Mrs Mignano

Dear Madam

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, we write to confirm that Network Rail will attend the Preliminary Meeting and Issue Specific Hearing into the draft Development Consent Order [**ISH1**] on Tuesday 9 October and be represented by Helen Hartshorne of Network Rail and Marnix Elsenaar of Addleshaw Goddard.

Preliminary Meeting

Network Rail is interested in **Items 3** ('Initial Assessment of Principal Issues' (Annex B)), **4** ('Draft Timetable for the Examination' (Annex C)) and **6** (Hearings and Accompanied Site Inspection) of the Agenda for the Preliminary Meeting.

The Principal Issue identified by the Examiners which is of most relevance to Network Rail is Traffic and Transport and specifically, under that heading, "The capacity of the rail system to serve the SRFI". Network Rail assumes that the Examiners will wish to obtain Network Rail's views on the capacity of the rail network and would like to understand whether it is intended that the issue will be considered during the proposed Issue Specific Hearing [**ISH4**] on Tuesday 12 March 2019 on 'Cumulative Impact Issues' or whether it is intended that a separate Issue Specific Hearing to consider transport and rail capacity issues will be held.

Network Rail reserves the right to speak in relation to this item and any other items that may be relevant to Network Rail.

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Regarding **Item 4** of the Agenda for ISH1 (Annex G), the Examiners have asked Network Rail the questions at **Q 84 of Table 1** which relate to the protective provisions for railway interests at Part 1 of Schedule 13 to the draft DCO. Network Rail will provide its views at the hearing if that would be helpful and will also set out its detailed comments on the protective provisions in its written representation in due course if it has not, by the date on which its written representation is due, agreed the protective provisions with the Applicant. Network Rail also reserves its right to speak in relation to other articles in the draft DCO which are relevant to it.

Yours faithfully

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