



NORTHAMPTON  
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**RUGBY PARKWAY STATION STATEMENT OF COMMON  
GROUND BETWEEN THE APPLICANT AND  
WARWICKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

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The Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order 201X

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## **AGREED STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE PROPOSED NORTHAMPTON GATEWAY STRATEGIC RAIL FREIGHT INTERCHANGE**

1. This Statement is agreed between:
  - Oxalis Planning on Behalf of Roxhill (Junction 15) Ltd and
  - Warwickshire County Council
  
2. This Statement has been prepared and agreed following a request by the Examining Authority, as set out at Appendix E of its Rule 6 letter dated 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.
  
3. The main scope of this Statement is to consider the potential implications of the Northampton Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange, on passenger rail paths which may be required for the proposed Rugby Parkway Rail Station.
  
4. The site is in a strategically significant location for logistics and distribution activity. Located at the heart of the 'golden triangle' for logistics there is considerable market demand and interest in national distribution activity. The site has immediate access to the M1 motorway and a direct rail connection and these connections also link to the Warwickshire highway network and West Coast Main Line rail links. The site is proposed to fulfil the Government's policy which seeks to encourage a 'network' of SRFI.
  
5. Warwickshire County Council is promoting a new station at Rugby on the Northampton Loop of the West Coast Main Line (WCML), known as 'Rugby Parkway' serving the 14,750 new population within the Rugby Sustainable Urban Extension known as Houlton.
  
6. The relationship of this scheme to potential rail freight growth is that the new station is likely to require some amendments to existing passenger train services within the Northampton Loop. Work done by the County Council has however hitherto indicated that calls at the station could be accommodated without significant impact upon passenger or freight services.
  
7. A number of Rail Reports have been prepared as part of the Northampton Gateway scheme, these are contained in Document 6.7 of the submission. These Reports have been shared with and reviewed by Warwickshire County Council. Of particular relevance to the proposed Rugby Parkway Rail Station are the two Reports on capacity prepared by Victa Railfreight and GB Railfreight.

8. The Reports conclude that there are sufficient freight paths on the West Coast Mainline to accommodate the Northampton Gateway strategic Rail Freight Interchange. Sufficient freight paths are available within the current working timetable and would not therefore affect passenger paths and services
9. Having regard to the conclusions of the Rail Reports (Document 6.7), it is considered that the Northampton Gateway scheme will not negatively impact on the proposals for a Rugby Parkway Station.

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