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Sent: 05 December 2018 10:57
To: Northampton Gateway
Subject: 266138 NSIP - Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange hearings (TR050006)

Dear Sir/Madam,

Our Reference: 20011193

Thank you for your email inviting Natural England to attend the Hearings and an accompanied site inspection for the above NSIP. Natural England does not wish to attend the meeting or site visit. There are no European designated sites that could be impacted by the scheme and we are satisfied that it is not likely to have an impact on the nearby Roade Cutting SSSI, as stated under a condition in our agreed Statement of Common Ground between ourselves and Roxhill (Junction 15) Ltd. All issues relating to protected species are also being addressed, as stated in our Statement of Common Ground. We therefore have no outstanding issues or concerns and do not envisage attending hearings. However, we would be happy to assist with further matters, including any changes to the proposed scheme, if required.

Kind regards

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