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To: 'Northampton Gateway' <NorthamptonGateway@pins.gsi.gov.uk>
Subject: Northampton Gateway Examination - Deadline 7 Submissions for Rail Central [OC-UK.FID3489525]

Dear Kate

**Application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange
Northampton Gateway PINS Reference Number TR050006**

Further to Rail Central's submissions at Deadline 6 we would confirm the following:

(1) The attached Plan (Document 2.15 reference NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK91 Rev P3) has been agreed as the Rail Central footpath connections plan between the parties and Rail Central's objection to Compulsory Acquisition is therefore withdrawn.

In respect of specific comments on additional information submitted at Deadline 6, Rail Central submits the following:

(2) It is acknowledged that other parties Deadline 6 submissions include comments on material relating to Deadline 5 which pre-dates their submissions at ISH4. We would indicate to the ExA that Rail Central's current position is as within Rail Central's Deadline 5 material and submissions at ISH4, ISH5 and CAH2 summaries of which were submitted in writing at Deadline 6.

(3) In respect of RC Highways Mitigation, the letter submitted by Rail Central to PINS on 11 March 2019 [AS-068] outlined that Rail Central intends to carry out consultation on any proposed change to the DCO. In response to this, the RC ExA are currently inviting representations from Interested Parties on holding the Preliminary Meeting in November 2019. A copy of the RC ExA's Procedural Decision dated 18 March 2019 is attached. This would align with Programme B as set out in Rail Central's letter to PINS. This programme includes consultation upon the proposed highway changes. The precise format and timing of the consultation will be established following confirmation of the highways changes and guidance from PINS as required.

(4) In respect of SNC's comments within [REP6-039] (paragraphs 1-4), Rail Central would submit the capacity to support additional job growth was considered by the Inspector examining the West Northamptonshire Joint Core Strategy (JCS). The JCS identified a 'reference value' of 28,500 net additional jobs for monitoring and review purposes over the plan period. The Inspector examining the JCS did note at adoption that the supply of employment sites was 'capable of delivering significantly more than the "reference value" figure in overall capacity terms, with around 40,000 new jobs in the B class uses alone'. The Inspector was satisfied that such sites could serve a wider catchment in terms of new job provision, and concluded that the 'reference value' does not constrain additional job provision in suitable locations." Therefore, SNC's comment that the JCS "balances housing and employment growth" does not fully reflect the JCS Inspector's conclusions with regard to the potential for delivering significantly more jobs.

(5) In respect of Northampton Gateway's Climate Change Summary [REP6-015] submitted at Deadline 6, attached is Rail Central's written submission in response.

Kind regards,

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