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To the Applicant

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Roxhill (Junction 15) Limited ("the Applicant") for an Order granting Development Consent to construct a new Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (SRFI) adjacent to Junction 15 of the M1 in Northamptonshire ("the Proposed Development").

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT

The Examining Authority submitted on 9 July 2019 a Report and Recommendations in respect of its findings on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport ("the Secretary of State"). In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 9 October 2019 to make a decision on the application. I am writing in relation to some outstanding matters at the end of Examination on which we would appreciate updated information before determining the application.

Air Quality

The Secretary of State notes the Air Quality chapter in the Environmental Statement states full details of the construction phase vehicle emission assessment are included in [Appendix 9.11](#) (noting the updates to some of the data provided in response to the [ExQ2.1.12](#)).

Please could the **Applicant** clarify how on-site construction plant and vehicle emissions have been assessed as well as off-site construction traffic to reach the conclusion at [Appendix 9.11](#) that the construction of the Proposed Development is expected to have an overall Negligible impact.

Road Bypass, A405 Corridor and Other Highway Mitigation Measures



Please could the **Applicant** indicate to the Secretary of State what Air Quality assessment has been done for construction of the Road Bypass and A508 corridor, including Other Highway Mitigation Measures. The Secretary of State will require an assessment on the off-site construction traffic and on-site construction plant and vehicles emissions for all construction locations if not already undertaken.

The deadline for any response is 5 September 2019.

Responses to the matters outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to NorthamptonGateway@planninginspectorate.gov.uk. Please send any hard copy response to Northampton Gateway Case Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, please inform the Project Team.

Your response will be published on the project page for the Northampton Gateway on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/east-midlands/northampton-gateway-rail-freight-interchange/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the Northampton Gateway scheme, and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

Kevin O'Hanlon