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Dear Sirs

Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange project - Non-Material Change

It is accepted that the consultation period for the above application has expired. However, for the avoidance of doubt, the views of National Highways are set out below:

The Application seeks to make changes to the approved DCO:

1. An amendment to requirement 3 in Schedule 2 of the DCO to deliver the rail freight terminal so as to require that the rail infrastructure within the area coloured pink on the rail infrastructure plan must be completed prior to the occupation of any of the warehousing and both of the connections to the West Coast Main Line railway must have been constructed and commissioned sufficient for the rail terminal to be operational prior to the occupation of more than 232,260 square metres of the warehousing unless otherwise agreed in writing with the relevant planning authority.
2. To include a new rail infrastructure plan (NGW-BWB-GEN-XX-SK-C-SK315-S2-P01) as referred to in the amendment to requirement 3 in Schedule 2 of the DCO.

We note that the proposed amendment to the DCO requirement 3–(3) will not seek any change to the highway mitigation works required. Further to this, we note that the off-site highway mitigations are progressing in line with the expected timescales, with the M1 J15 improvements anticipated to be completed prior to the first occupation of the development.

Based on the above, we do not consider that the proposed amendment to requirement 3–(3) is likely to have a significant impact on the Strategic Road Network (SRN) in the area. As such, we have no further comments to make.

Yours sincerely



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