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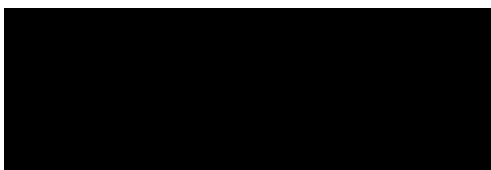
Dear Mr Jackson,

I am writing to submit a comment about the [Response to Rule 17 Letter](#) submitted by the applicant under Deadline 1. My constituents continue to raise concerns with me about Narborough level crossing and the increased barrier down time as a result of HNRFI, indeed this is one of the key areas of concern that I have been raising from the earliest opportunity. It was therefore disappointing to note, in the Response to Rule 17 Letter, that the applicant has failed to submit a worse case scenario for barrier downtime at Narborough or the modelling of resulting traffic queue length as requested by the ExA.

It is crucial that my constituents, key stakeholders, and groups are able to scrutinise this proposal properly and with adequate time. At this stage in the Examination, with both Open Floor Hearings and the Issue Specific Hearing (Traffic and Transport) next week, I am concerned that the applicant has not been forthcoming enough with this information and has left insufficient time for key stakeholders to review the data. I would be very grateful, in light of this, if the Planning Inspectorate could publish the updated barrier down time, submitted by the applicant under Deadline 2, as soon as practically possible.

I further note that, according to Network Rail, "negotiations are continuing to progress between Network Rail and Tritax in relation to all of the level crossings that may be affected by the DCO" ([Written representations submitted on behalf of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited](#), October 10<sup>th</sup>). There are three level crossing listed by Network Rail for which sufficient mitigations have been confirmed by Network Rail with the applicant, but Narborough level crossing is not listed. Whilst these negotiations between Network Rail and the applicant may be ongoing, I would like to echo the request made by Friends of Narborough Station, to the applicant and Network Rail, "for full transparency over the numbers used to calculate line availability and barrier downtime" ([6.4 Written Representation](#)).

Yours Sincerely,



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