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Our Ref: TWA/10/APP/01/Oxford/C3/Sec I

Dear Fiona,

Planning Condition 3 of The Chiltern Railways (Bicester to Oxford Improvements) Transport Works Act Order (TWA/10/APP/01) - Amendment of Development Section I - Oxford City Council Planning Ref: 15/01978/CND

Further to your e-mail dated 6 July 2015 in relation to the above discharge application, I wish to confirm Network Rail's intentions.

Works within Section I/1

Your general understanding that the scheduled works within Sections H and the yet to be agreed Section I/1 will be undertaken using the TWA Order powers is correct.

The works to construct the separate Bicester tracks and the two turnouts from the main DCL line, which form Oxford North Junction, will be undertaken using the TWA Order powers and will be built in accordance with the deemed planning permission. These are Works Nos 2 and 7 in Schedule 1 of the TWA Order. The amendment to Section I as set out in the above application is being sought to bring the agreed Sections more in line with the scheduled works as set out in the Order.

Prior to the commencement of the TWA development within the yet to be agreed Section I/1, the following planning conditions attached to the planning direction remain to be discharged in relation to activities in that section:

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- Condition 6 Fencing – This will require an extension of the Fencing Strategy drawings as submitted and approved by OCC under Planning Ref: 13/01965/CND. Sheets 5 and 6 of the submitted Fencing Strategy report will be updated and submitted before the end of July 2015;
- Condition 19 – This will only be discharged in relation to Section I/1, with both Noise and Vibration Schemes of Assessments currently being prepared. We intend to hold a public consultation for both Noise and Vibration in August 2015 with a view to submission to OCC in late September 2015; and
- Conditions 31 and 32 - The remaining aspects of Conditions 31 and 32 will need to be discharged before works commence in Section I/1. The methodology for the baseline elements has already been submitted and approved by OCC Planning Ref: 14/00007/CND. We would hope to submit an application setting out the baseline reporting and the remaining monitoring proposed before the end of July 2015.

Works within Section I/2 and J

The dedicated Chiltern Railways track and works to Oxford Station which would have been located within Sections I/2 and J as described in Works No 3 and 3A in Schedule 1 of the TWA Order are no longer to be built and so the powers for these will not be exercised.

Network Rail's Western Team will be carrying out their own works in Sections I/2 and J but these are not works as set out in Schedule 1 of the Order and so will not be undertaken using the TWA Order powers. The works to be undertaken in these areas are considered to be authorised by Network Rail's Permitted Development rights under Parts 18 of the General Permitted Development Order 2015. Network Rail's Western Team have previously written to the Council in their letter dated 4 February outlining the works they intend to deliver in the Oxford area. Any issues you have about this development can be taken up directly with Colin Field, Network Rail's Town Planning Manager

I hope the above provides an adequate response to your queries, but please do not hesitate in contacting me to discuss. We would be happy to arrange a meeting between the relevant teams and the City Council, if you believe that this is needed to resolve these matters.

Yours sincerely,

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