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Dear Sirs

**DCO Scheme: Norwich to Tilbury**

**Our client: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited**

**Registered Party Reference:** [REDACTED]

**Applicant: National Grid Electricity Transmission (NGET)**

**Subject: Network Rail Infrastructure Limited's Response to Second Written Questions dated 22 May 2026**

This Firm is instructed by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**NR**) in relation to the DCO Scheme and we write in response to the Examining Authorities Second Written Questions dated 22 May 2026.

***TT 2.15: The SoCG with Network Rail [REP4-099] states that crossing agreements are progressing, will these be complete by the close of the examination and if not, how can the ExA be assured that they will be completed and how is this secured in the draft DCO.***

***NR Response:***

We hope to reach agreement prior to the close of examination on the various agreements required, and negotiations are progressing between the Parties.

Should it not be possible to secure these via agreement prior to the close of examination, Network Rail's preferred form of protective provisions (should the ExA be minded to grant the Order) include requirements for the Applicant to enter into an asset protection agreement. We understand the Applicant does not have any objections to the principal of being required to enter into an asset protection agreement, albeit at present the draft order does not contain any protective provisions for the benefit of railway interests.

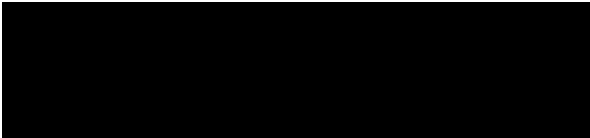
Further, in NR's preferred protective provisions the restrictions on CPO powers without NR's consent contained would ensure protection of the railway, and would require the necessary agreements to be in place prior to granting of consent as appropriate.

As such, should the ExA be minded to include NR's preferred provisions, these would ensure that the relevant agreements are required to be entered into prior to starting works, and effectively safeguarding NR's interests.

In any event, the Parties remain in discussions and will provide updates to the ExA on the progress of agreements.

Should you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us on the details below.

Yours faithfully



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