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Dear ,

The Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order 2019 (S.I 2014/419) – Proposed Non-Material Change Application

Regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 - Written consent from the Secretary of State for not consulting a person or authority

Thank you for your email of 28 March 2025 enclosing a request to reduce the number of parties that need to be consulted on the proposed non-material change application for the Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Development Consent Order 2019 ("the 2019 Order").

The Secretary of State has considered this request under regulation 7(3) of the Infrastructure Planning (Changes to, and Revocation of, Development Consent Orders) Regulations 2011 (as amended) ("the 2011 Regulations"). The Secretary of State agrees that the parties listed in grey text in the attachment of your email of 28 March 2025 need not be consulted as the land in question is predominantly either adopted highway land or has been acquired by SEGRO and in other instances, the Secretary of State also accepts the reason given for the need not to consult.

Accordingly, the Secretary of State gives written consent, to the extent set out above, under regulation 7(3) of the 2011 Regulations. In taking this decision the Secretary of State notes that while those persons not proposed to be consulted on the non-material change application will not be consulted directly in relation to the change proposals, the application will be publicised in line with the requirements in regulation 20 of the 2011 Regulations. The Secretary of State also notes that in your email of 8 April 2024, you confirmed that all relevant statutory authorities will still be consulted on the proposed non-material change application.

The Secretary of State's written consent in this matter should not be taken as indicating approval for any aspects of the proposed changes to the 2019 Order which will fall to her for consideration and determination, or whether the proposed changes will ultimately be regarded as material or not.

Yours sincerely,

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