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Dear Sir or Madam

Northampton Gateway Rail Freight Interchange Order 2019 – Non-Material Change TR050006

The Application seeks to make changes to the DCO which are not material. In summary these are:

1. An increase in mezzanine floorspace
2. Minor amendments to the site access roundabout to accommodate the slight increase in traffic which may be generated by the increase in mezzanine floorspace
3. Amendments to the DCO requirements dealing with the delivery of the site access amendment works and the relevant DCO plans including an updated parameters plan and a new works plan and highway general arrangement plan to reflect the above changes

National Highways (formerly Highways England) has been appointed by the Secretary of State for Transport as a strategic highway company under the provisions of the Infrastructure Act 2015 and is the highway authority, traffic authority and street authority for the Strategic Road Network (SRN). The SRN is a critical national asset and as such we work to ensure that it operates and is managed in the public interest, both in respect of current activities and needs as well as in providing effective stewardship of its long term operation and integrity.

In responding to development related consultations, we have regard to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and DfT Circular 01/2022: The Strategic Road Network and the Delivery of Sustainable Development ('the Circular'). The latter document sets out National Highways policy on sustainable development and our

approach to proposals which may have an impact on our network.

The SRN in the vicinity of the proposed development is the M1.

We have reviewed the evidence supporting the application and are satisfied that there would be any adverse impact on the operation of M1 J15. National Highways therefore has no objection to the proposed non-material change.

Yours faithfully

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