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BY EMAIL ONLY: [REDACTED]

22 September 2025

Dear Mr Williams

Case reference: TR050008

Section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 – Duty to Notify the Secretary of State of a Proposed Application

Proposals for a strategic rail freight interchange and warehousing on land south of the Chiltern Railway line, west of the B430, east of Upper Heyford Former Airfield together with M40 J10 and A43 Highway Improvements, the provision of a bypass to Ardley and a relief road for Middleton Stoney and a new Heyford Park Link Road in Oxfordshire

Please accept this letter as notification pursuant to section 46 of the Planning Act 2008 (“the Act”) that Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited (“the Applicant”), intends to carry out its statutory consultation pursuant to section 42 of the Act, from 23 September 2025 until 4 November 2025.

The Applicant will in due course be submitting an application for a Development Consent Order to the Planning Inspectorate. The application will seek authority for the construction, operation, use and maintenance of a strategic rail freight interchange, warehousing, highway works and associated infrastructure.

Please find enclosed:

- A copy of the letters being sent to all parties to be consulted pursuant to sections 42, 43 and 44 of the Act;
- A copy of the section 47 notice; and
- A copy of the section 48 press notice notification.

Statement of Community Consultation

The Applicant has prepared a Statement of Community Consultation and has engaged with the following local authorities in respect of the proposed consultation strategy:

- Cherwell District Council
- Oxfordshire County Council

Section 47 Notice

The Applicant published a notice in the Oxford Mail and Bicester Advertiser on 11 September 2025, pursuant to section 47(6) of the Act, advising that the SoCC could be inspected at various locations. We have enclosed a copy of that notice for your information.

Section 48 Notice

The Applicant published a notice in the Bicester Advertiser, The Oxford Mail, The Guardian and the London Gazette on 18 September 2025. The notice will also be published for a second time in the Bicester Advertiser and The Oxford Mail on 25 October 2025. We have enclosed a copy of that notice for your information.

Yours faithfully

Oxfordshire Railfreight Limited

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Copy of S.42, S.43 and S.44 letters

Copy of S.47 Notice

Copy of S.48 Press Notice