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Application by Oxfordshire RailfFreight Limited for an Order granting Development Consent for the Oxfordshire Strategic Rail Freight Interchange

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SUMMARY OF ORAL REPRESENTATIONS MADE ON BEHALF OF NATIONAL HIGHWAYS AT CAH1

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 This document is a summary of the oral representations made on behalf of National Highways ("**NH**") at CAH1 held on Thursday 1 October 2026.

Agenda Item	Matter	NH's Response
3	The Applicant's Strategic Case	NH confirmed that it had no comments on the strategic case for compulsory acquisition in terms of the need for the Project. NH also confirmed that it did not object to the use of NH's Land for the purpose of delivering the works to the Strategic Road Network ("**SRN**"). The Applicant has worked very collaboratively with NH over some years, and NH is largely content and supportive of the works in accommodating the traffic arising from the proposed development, and it being able to operate safely. NH do have concerns, however, with the Applicant using compulsory acquisition powers in relation to NH's land.
7	Compulsory Acquisition and related provisions as presented within the draft DCO and the Land Plans	NH raised comments in respect of the temporary possession powers in the dDCO, noting that temporary possession powers are sought over one plot in NH's ownership namely plot 3/31. This plot is the access to the Cherwell Valley Motorway Service Area and NH understand that access is required for the tying in of works 15A and 15B. NH would not want access being taken without NH having an understanding of the traffic management measures that would be put in place in relation to access over this plot and how the Cherwell Valley Motorway Service Access Area will remain open. In addition the temporary possession powers listed at article 35 are very wide including setting up construction compounds which would clearly not be appropriate in this location. NH would not want temporary possession being taken without its consent and the necessary approvals required by its protective provisions applying. Temporary possession is also sought over plot 3/70, 5/31, 5/35, 5/36 and 5/37a where NH has a right of access associated with the maintenance of boundary features. NH needs to be able to exercise those rights to the boundary fence should that be necessary, whilst the Applicant is in possession of the land. NH also noted the powers to extinguish rights. NH has rights over various plots usually connected with rights to maintain boundaries. NH cannot have such rights being extinguished. NH and the Applicant will continue discussions in this regard.