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Thank you for giving Network Rail the opportunity to comment on the above consultation.

Network Rail require additional time to review it in full and will submit any detailed comments, if required, as soon as possible. If it is too late to comment or there is a long-stop date, please do let us know. In the meantime, we set about below some initial comments.

It is important that plans and policies reflect the aspirations of Network Rail and the wider rail industry as far as they are known at this stage and provides suitable flexibility to support future growth of the railway for both passenger and freight services. The railway network is a vital element of the country's economy and a key component in the drive to deliver the Government's sustainable agenda.

The impact of new development on railway infrastructure such as railway stations and level crossing should be fully assessed. To ensure that Network Rail can continue to deliver a safe and efficient railway, Network Rail would expect financial contributions towards new or enhanced railway infrastructure to mitigate the impact of growth in the area. This could include funding towards improvement at stations such as cycle parking, improved customer information screens, new waiting shelters, lighting, platform extensions, new station entrances etc., and works such as new footbridges to enable level crossings to be closed. As part of Network Rail's license to operate and manage Britain's railway infrastructure, Network Rail have the legal duty to protect rail passengers, the public, the railway workforce, and to reduce risk at our level crossings so far as is reasonably practicable.

New development can also have others impact on the railway. It is important that the risk to the railway from landslips and flooding are considered for safety and operational reasons, as well fencing, planting along the railway boundary, excavations etc. Please find attached some guidance from Network Rail’s Asset Protection team.

If you have any questions on the above, please do get in touch with us.

Yours Sincerely,

Tobias Ackley

Town Planning Team (Southern Region)

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