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Dear Ms Anderson,

TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006: REQUEST FOR A SCREENING DECISION

PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (CAMBRIDGESHIRE LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION) ORDER

I refer to your letter of 9 December 2016 to Robert Fox in the Transport and Works Act Orders Unit in which you requested a screening decision under rule 7 of the above Rules as to whether an environmental impact assessment is required in respect of the proposed works relating to the closure of, and/or changes to rights at, 31 level crossings in Cambridgeshire and creation of alternative routes.

In considering this request, we have taken into account the screening report enclosed with your letter (Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy: EIA Screening Request: Cambridgeshire Order 367516/RPT25 Revision C of 8 December 2016) and the selection criteria referred to in rule 7(11) of the above Rules. We have also consulted Cambridgeshire County Council, East Cambridgeshire District Council, Fenland District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and Historic England. Responses were received from all the consultees except South Cambridgeshire District Council.

We consider that the proposals described in your request should be regarded as a project of a type mentioned in Annex II to Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council. Having regard to the characteristics and locations of the project and the type and characteristics of potential impacts, on the basis of the available information we consider that this project is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Therefore in accordance with rule 7(13) of the above Rules, **the Secretary of State's screening decision is that an environmental impact assessment is not required** in relation to the project which is to be subject of the above proposed Order.

Yours sincerely,
Fiona Walshe

A senior civil servant in the Department for Transport