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Dear Sir

RE: THE NETWORK RAIL STALYBRIDGE AND DIGGLE (SADDLEWORTH) TRANSPORT WORKS ORDER ACT (REF DPI/G4240/25/18)
INQUIRY: 9 JUNE – 10 JULY 2026

We write to provide confirmation of our position in the above Inquiry.

The Statement of Common Ground ("SOCG") that has been submitted to the Inquiry represents the common ground agreed in principle between Network Rail and the officers of the Council but that unfortunately a formal agreed and signed version cannot be produced until the necessary Cabinet session is held which, based on the Council's current arrangements will not happen until after the Inquiry closes. The recommendation from

officers to Cabinet is to agree the SOCG as drafted. We are hopeful that at that time the Council will then be able to provide a copy of the SOCG with the relevant signature added.

In consideration of the attached SOCG officers of the Council are content with the drafting of the Order and have no further objections to it.

Yours faithfully

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