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Dear Natalie,

Transport and Works Act 1992 (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006

Proposed Network Rail Oxfordshire Level Crossings Order

Thank you for your letter dated 6 July 2023, in which you request a direction under rule 18 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ("the Rules"), regarding the above proposed application.

You are seeking a direction to disapply the following requirements:

• Under rule 10(2), to be permitted not to submit to the Secretary of State four (4) copies of all the relevant documents identified by rule 10(2) with its Order application. However, you will submit one (1) set of all the relevant application documents to the Secretary of State in an electronic format when making the application.

• Under rule 13(1), to be permitted not to serve each affected local authority with a hard copy of this Order application and all the relevant documents. You will submit one (1) set of the Order application and all the relevant documents to each affected local authority in an electronic format.

The Secretary of State therefore makes the following directions:

• That the aforementioned requirement under rule 10(2) is not to apply in relation to this application, on the grounds that it would be unnecessary to submit multiple copies of the application documents as they will be submitted electronically. The direction is made on the expectation that one copy of the relevant documents submitted electronically and that further copies should be made immediately available to the Secretary of State upon request at any time before a decision on this application is issued, for example should a Public Inquiry be necessary;

• That the requirement under 13(1) to serve a hard copy of the relevant documents to local authorities is not to apply in relation to this application on the grounds that it would be unnecessary to submit hard copies of the application documents as they will be submitted electronically. The direction is made on the expectation that one copy of the relevant documents is submitted electronically and provided to the local authority in hard copy if one is requested.

Yours sincerely,

Ultoria Crowne