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**APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE UNDER SECTION 6
OF THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992 FOR AN ORDER UNDER
SECTIONS 1 AND 5 OF THAT ACT**

TO: The Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit,
Department for Transport,
Great Minster House,
33 Horseferry Road,
London SW1P 4DR

- 1.** Network Rail Infrastructure Limited ("Network Rail") applies to the Secretary of State for Transport pursuant to section 6 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for an Order under sections 1 and 5 of that Act in the terms of the draft Order accompanying this application.
- 2.** The object of the proposed Order is to authorise the construction, maintenance and operation by Network Rail of works on the Transpennine Line between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth), including works for the electrification of the railway between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth), for the purposes of increasing capacity and improving journey time and performance reliability of rail services on the Transpennine Line both between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth) and between Manchester, Leeds and York.
- 3.** The proposed Order would authorise works to upgrade the operation of the existing railway between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth), including the construction of a new station at Mossley, railway electrification works and bridge reconstruction works. The proposed Order also confers powers to close and replace existing level crossings on the railway between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth) and powers in connection with the construction and operation of the railway.

4. The proposed Order would permit Network Rail to acquire land, the subsoil and airspace of land, interests in land, including the imposition of restrictive covenants and to temporarily acquire and temporarily use land for the purposes of the works authorised by the proposed Order and for the provision of railway infrastructure on the railway between Stalybridge and Diggle (Saddleworth) for which Network Rail has permitted development rights.
5. In connection with the application, a request is also being made to the Secretary of State for Transport under section 90(2A) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 that planning permission, so far as it is required, shall be deemed to be granted for the development proposed to be authorised by the proposed Order.
6. In accordance with Rule 10 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, an electronic copy of each of the following documents accompany this application—
 - Draft Order;
 - Explanatory Memorandum;
 - Statement of Aims;
 - Funding Statement;
 - Estimated cost of the proposed works;
 - Consultation Report;
 - Book of Reference;
 - Deposited Plans and Sections, Traffic Regulation Plans and Open Space Plan;
 - List of consents, permissions or licences required under other enactments;
 - Request for Deemed Planning Permission and statement of proposed conditions;
 - Planning Direction Drawings in support of the request for a planning direction; and
 - The Secretary of State for Transport's screening decision for this application.
7. In addition an electronic copy of each of the following documents accompany this application—
 - Environmental Report;
 - Planning Statement;
 - Design and Access Statement; and

- Code of Construction Practice Part A.
- 8.** Listed building consents are also required for the purposes of the proposals included in the application for the proposed Order.
- 9.** The following listed building consent applications are being made to Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council—
- An application for listed building consent in respect of Heyrod Hall Overbridge (MVL3/7). The proposed works include the removal and reconstruction of the bridge deck and the partial reconstruction of the abutments at Heyrod Hall Overbridge (MVL3/7).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Springbank Lane Footbridge (MVL3/8). The proposed works include the replacement of the existing copers, minor repair works and the attachment of a parallel flange channel to Springbank Lane Footbridge (MVL3/8).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Roughtown Road Overbridge (MVL3/17). The proposed works include the replacement of copers and the attachment of overhead line electrification equipment to Roughtown Road Overbridge (MVL3/17).
- 10.** The following listed building consent application is being made to Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council and Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council:
- An application for listed building consent in respect of Wright's Mill Overbridge (MVL3/20). The proposed works include the removal and reconstruction of the bridge deck and the partial reconstruction of the abutments at Wright's Mill Overbridge (MVL3/20).
- 11.** The following listed building consent applications are being made to Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council—
- An application for listed building consent in respect of Wright's Overbridge (MVL3/23). The proposed works comprise the demolition of Wright's Overbridge (MVL3/23).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Royal George Underbridge (MVL3/25). The proposed works include the removal and reconstruction of the bridge deck and the partial reconstruction of the abutments at Royal George Underbridge (MVL3/25).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Shaw Hall Bank Road Footway (MVL3/26). The proposed works include bridge deck strengthening of Shaw Hall Bank Road Footway (MVL3/26).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Oldham Road Overbridge (MVL3/28). The proposed works include the

removal and reconstruction of the bridge deck, the partial reconstruction of the abutments at Oldham Road Overbridge (MVL3/28) and the construction of an attached new footbridge.

- An application for listed building consent in respect of Wickens Underbridge (MVL3/29). The proposed works include bridge deck strengthening and the replacement of handrails on Wickens Underbridge (MVL3/29).
 - An application for listed building consent in respect of Uppermill Viaduct (MVL3/31). The proposed works include the installation of overhead line equipment portals along Uppermill Viaduct (MVL3/31).
- 12.** Under Section 12(3A) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 the above listed building consent applications will be referred to the Secretary of State for determination.
- 13.** Certificates under section 19 of the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 are also required for the purposes of the proposals included in the application for the proposed Order.
- 14.** The following requests for certificates under the Acquisition of Land Act 1981 have been made to the Secretary of State:-
- A certificate under section 19(1)(b) that in relation to the acquisition of open space land that the provision of land in exchange is unnecessary; and
 - A certificate under paragraph 6(1)(a) of Schedule 3 in relation to the acquisition of rights over open space land that the provision of such rights will render the open space land no less advantageous than it was before.
- 15.** All requests for further information, notices or other documents required to be served upon the applicant under the above mentioned Act or Rules should be sent to Eversheds Sutherland (International) LLP, One Wood Street, London EC2V 7WS (reference: The Network Rail (Stalybridge to Diggle (Saddleworth) Enhancements) Order).

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