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**For the attention of:** Linda Griffiths

Dear Madam,

## TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992: APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (EAST WEST RAIL BICESTER TO BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER

### Ecology

Further to the Planning Direction received from the Department for Transport referenced TWA/18/APP/04, dated 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020. We write to discharge the following condition:

#### 12. Ecology

**(a)** No stage of the development is to commence within the area of a local planning authority until, for that stage, a written ecological management plan comprising the management of ecology compensation sites and replacement habitats alongside the railway within that route section, reflecting the survey results and ecological mitigation and enhancement measures included in the Environmental Statement (and Further Environmental Information) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority with responsibility for any area within each stage.

The requirements of the ecological management plan must be carried out as approved.

**Reason:** *To ensure that the development does not adversely affect the natural wildlife and ecology of the area, including protected species.*

We enclose the associated Ecological Management Plans in order to discharge the above condition 12(a) and subsequently request your written approval by return on or before 27<sup>th</sup> April 2020 in accordance with Memorandum of Understanding version 2.1, reference 133735-EWR-LTR-DEL-000-001.



We also confirm the following approach to be adopted in respect of Condition 12(b)

**(b)** No later than 6 months after the commencement of the development a strategy to achieve an overall 10% net gain in biodiversity for the development, including monitoring, maintenance, management and reporting arrangements, must be submitted for approval in writing by each local planning authority. From the time the development comes into operation measures to achieve an overall 10% net gain in biodiversity for the development (assessed in accordance with the 2019 update proposed by Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to the 2012 Defra biodiversity metric) shall be implemented in accordance with the approved strategy

The Net Gain Strategy will be provided separately within the timescales detailed in condition 12(b)

We look forward to your response, in providing approval to discharge Condition 12(a) to enable commencement of the works, in due course.

Yours sincerely



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