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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**

### **Archaeology**

#### **Development Stage 2A1: 2A0061/5.2/FH (Charbridge Lane) Flood Alleviation Area at Land East of Bicester Road, Oxfordshire.**

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

**9 (b)** Where archaeological evaluation is planned, no development, unless otherwise agreed in writing beforehand by the local planning authority, is to take place until a location specific Written Scheme of Investigation ("WSI") has been submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority.

We enclose our submission of Written Schemes of Investigation in respect of Development Stage 2A1: 2A0061/5.2/FH (Charbridge Lane) Flood Alleviation Area at Land East of Bicester Road, Oxfordshire and subsequently request your written approval by return.

Further Written Scheme of Investigation submissions will be made in accordance with the East West Rail Phase 2 Construction Programme.

We also confirm the following approach to be adopted in respect of Condition 9(c) and 9(d):

**(c)** Where archaeological remains of national importance are found, no development at that location is to take place until an appropriate methodology for their preservation in situ, where reasonably practical, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority. The methodology must be implemented as approved.

We do not currently propose to make a submission to discharge condition 9(c). Should archaeological remains of national importance be found, we will subsequently notify you accordingly and not undertake any further works at the affected discreet location until such time when appropriate methodology for their preservation in situ, where reasonably practical, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority.

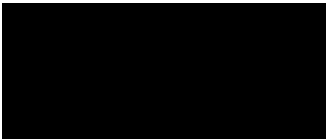


(d) Where archaeological remains are recorded by evaluation and are not of sufficient importance to warrant preservation in situ but are worthy of recording, the development at the relevant location must be carried out in accordance with a WSI, that includes details of timings, provision for post excavation analysis and the publication of a report, which has been submitted to and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority.

We do not currently propose to make a submission to discharge condition 9(d). Should archaeological remains be recorded by evaluation as not of sufficient importance to warrant preservation in situ but worthy of recording, we will proceed to undertake works in accordance with a WSI, to include details of timings, provision for post excavation analysis and the publication of a report, which will be submitted for approval on completion of the works.

We look forward to your response, in providing approval to discharge Condition 9(b) in respect of the enclosed Written Scheme of Investigation to enable commencement of the development works planned in these areas, in due course.

Yours sincerely



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