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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

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:

#### 9. Archaeology

(a) No development is to commence in respect of any individual stage until the Heritage Delivery Strategy document has been produced and approved in writing by the relevant local planning authority related to that individual stage. This document must detail evaluation and mitigation measures for heritage assets including buried archaeology. These measures must include geophysical surveys, trial trenching and excavation and a programme of works.

**Reason:** *To ensure adequate protection and recording of historic features and archaeological remains.*

We enclose the Heritage Delivery Strategy document to discharge section (a) of condition 9 and subsequently request your written approval by return on or before 21<sup>st</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 9(b), 9(c) and 9(d):

**(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.

In areas where archaeological evaluation is required, WSIs will be issued for each discreet location. Works in the vicinity of such evaluation will not take place prior to LPA approval. The submission of WSIs will be phased in accordance with the EWR2 Construction Programme. In areas where there is no requirement for archaeological evaluation, works shall not be delayed by the need for other WSI approval elsewhere within any construction stage.

**(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(a) to enable commencement of the works, in due course.

Yours sincerely



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