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Dear Sir,

## **TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006: REQUEST FOR A SCREENING DECISION**

### **PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (ROUTS and SHEPHERD and DOG LEVEL CROSSINGS CLOSURE) ORDER**

I refer to your letter of 10 November 2016 in which you requested a screening decision under rule 7 of the above Rules as to whether an environmental impact assessment is required in respect of the proposed closure of the Routs and Dog and Shepherd level crossings. The report provides a plan that identifies the site, location and environmental aspects of the proposed scheme. It includes any environmental aspects likely to be affected by the proposed scheme and the measures proposed in mitigation.

In considering this request, we have taken into account the screening report enclosed with your letter and the selection criteria referred to in rule 7(11) of the above Rules. We have also consulted Suffolk County Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council, the Environment Agency, Natural England and the Highways Agency in accordance with rule 7(8) as amended by Schedule 4, 4(C) of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Miscellaneous Amendments relating to Harbours, Highways and Transport) Regulations 2017. Responses were received from all consultees except Suffolk Coastal District Council and Natural England and these have been taken into account.

We consider that the proposals described in your request should be regarded as a project of a type mentioned in Annex II to Directive 2011/92/EC as amended by Directive 2014/52/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council. Having regard to the characteristics and location of the project and the type and characteristics of potential impact, on the basis of the available information we consider that this project is unlikely to have a significant effect on the environment.

Therefore, in accordance with rule 7(13) of the above Rules, **the Secretary of State's screening decision is that an environmental impact assessment is not required** in relation to the project which is to be subject of the above proposed Order.

In accordance with Rule 7(15) a copy of this decision will be placed on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/twa-inspector-reports-and-decision-letters#2018-twa-decisions-and-applications>

Yours sincerely,

**Richard Serlin**