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Date: 01/10/24

Dear Mr Blaxland,

Grand Union Canal Transfer Project – Request for a Direction under Section 35(1) of the Planning Act 2008.

Thank you for your letter dated 5 September 2024 requesting the Secretary of State exercises powers under section 35 of the Planning Act 2008 to direct that the Principal Development, which forms part of the Grand Union Canal Transfer Project, be treated as development for which development consent is required under the Planning Act 2008.

Following review and consideration of your case the Secretary of State is content to give a direction for development to be treated as a development for which development consent is required. A signed Direction, including decision rationale, under section 35 of the Planning Act to that effect is attached.

This Direction is given without prejudice to the Secretary of State's consideration of any application for development consent which is made in relation to this proposed development.

The Direction, along with the cover letter, qualifying request and this decision letter will be published on GOV.UK.

We request the applicants engage with The Planning Inspectorate to provide the necessary details of the proposed scheme so that a project page can be set up on its National Infrastructure website and for the Direction notice to be subsequently published on that page.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Woolhead
Deputy Director, Water Sector Delivery