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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and respond to your Civil Engineering in Rail & Road Market Study. We welcome this timely and thoughtful initiative and fully support the Government's ambition for economic growth — an ambition we believe will require a more creative, efficient, and outcome-focused approach to delivering the UK's future infrastructure pipeline.

Bechtel has supported customers in planning, delivering, integrating and operating large-scale, complex programmes for over 126 years, across 160 countries and more than 25,000 projects. In the UK, we are proud to have played a significant role in delivering some of the nation's most iconic infrastructure schemes over the past 70 years, including Crossrail; HS1; West Coast Main Line; GWEP; Reading Station Area Redevelopment; St Pancras Station upgrade; Jubilee Line Extension recovery; and the Tube Lines PPP. Our experience spans multiple infrastructure sectors and a range of proven delivery models.

Having carefully reviewed your Statement of Scope and the questions posed, we are keen to contribute to this process and share insights drawn from our global experience across all project roles — whether as client-side delivery partner or PMC, master planner, contractor (including self-performed design, procurement, and installation), and/or operator. We also bring the perspective of an infrastructure investor, through our in-house financing arm. We are confident that this breadth and diversity of experience enables us to offer practical, actionable ideas to help the UK Government meet its infrastructure delivery goals.

In our view, several recurring challenges have contributed to underperformance on major UK infrastructure projects, including:

- Insufficient early-stage definition—particularly around interface management, integration, and change control
- A tendency to augment client organisations with multiple consultants who may lack the practical delivery experience, accountability, or aligned incentives required for success

- Inconsistent or inadequate governance, leading to reduced control and avoidable surprises
- Ineffective contracting, packaging, and delivery models, including weak incentive structures that fail to drive productivity or prioritise 'best for project' outcomes
- Legacy business case protocols that have historically driven unrealistic budgets from the outset (though we note this is now being addressed)

Given your evidence-gathering timeline through to November 2025, we would welcome the opportunity to meet your team in person for a dedicated knowledge-transfer workshop. We believe this interaction would allow for a richer, more productive exchange — enabling us to share relevant international and cross-sector best practices, and to bring greater depth, colour and context to the important questions you've raised. We would be happy to host or attend such a session at your convenience.

We are excited to support this important initiative and are confident we can contribute meaningfully to its success.

We're here — and ready to help.

Yours sincerely,

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