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To: Buckley, David
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Subject: [EXT] 19/01818/OUT South Caldecotte Formal Consultation

Dear David,

Please find attached below our response to the **19/01818/OUT South Caldecotte Formal Consultation**

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application.

In 2017 the Government set up the East West Rail company with an ambitious remit to accelerate the delivery of rail infrastructure and passenger services between Oxford and Cambridge. This involves creation of an entirely new line between Bedford and Cambridge and upgrades to the route between Oxford and Bedford.

As part of East West Rail, the route between Bletchley and Bedford is currently being assessed in respect of the infrastructure interventions and upgrades that will be required to deliver a future train service between Oxford and Cambridge.

At the current time, the scope of this work is under development and the implications on specific areas of the route and individual assets are not clear. However, it is very likely that the route between Bletchley and Bedford will require a level of upgrading to achieve the capacity aspirations to deliver the train services between Oxford and Cambridge and this includes the consideration of level crossings such as the one at Bow Brickhill.

Whilst we are unable to confirm the exact requirements in relation to the railway crossing in the area at this time, any increase in road and rail traffic will need to be considered as part of the ongoing scoping work, and may influence what is required to allow an increase in capacity along the route in line with Network Rail's normal road crossing assessment criteria.

Regards

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