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Our Ref: TR050004

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Dear Sir/Madam

Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 55**Application by Ashfield Land Management Limited and Gazeley GLP Northampton s.á.r.l. for an Order Granting Development Consent for the Rail Central Strategic Rail Freight Interchange****Adequacy of consultation request**

We received the above application for an Order granting development consent on 21 September 2018. A decision whether or not to accept the application for Examination must be made by 19 October 2018.

When deciding whether or not to accept the application we must, amongst other matters, have regard to any representations received from any local authority consultees about the Pre-application stage. You are therefore invited to let us know whether your Authority considers that the developer has complied, in relation to the application, with the following duties:

Duty to consult – Planning Act 2008 (as amended) (PA2008) – section 42

Duty to consult the local community - PA2008 – section 47

Duty to publicise - PA2008 – section 48

A decision must be made whether or not to accept the application for Examination within the period of 28 days, beginning with the day after the date of receipt of the application. As a result, we are seeking a representation on the adequacy of the consultation within 14 calendar days. Please could we have your views **by 9 October 2018**. You can send your views on the adequacy of consultation, as requested in this letter, electronically to RailCentral@pins.gsi.gov.uk or by post to the above address.

The consultation report and appendices submitted by the developer can be viewed by following this link:

<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/Rail-Central-Consultation-Report-and-Appendices.zip>

For the avoidance of doubt, we are not seeking your views on the merits of the application at this stage. If a decision is made to accept the application for Examination, the developer is required to publicise this along with a closing date for anyone to register as an Interested Party and make representations. You will then be able to put your case about the application in writing. You will also be invited to submit a separate local impact report (LIR). A deadline for submitting the LIR will be set once representations have been received and a Preliminary Meeting, which is held to consider how the application would be examined, has taken place.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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