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The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017

**Network Rail Manchester Oxford Road Station Remodeling Scheme
Request for Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion (Regulation 6) and
Scoping Opinion (Regulation 15)**

Dear Sir/madam

We hereby request an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Screening and Scoping Opinion from Manchester City Council in accordance with Regulations 6 and 15 of The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017, for the proposed Network Rail Manchester Oxford Road Station Remodeling Scheme.

The Scheme involves remodeling of the Station's configuration to improve its capacity, performance flexibility, accessibility, and is aimed to act as a catalyst for wider investment in the Oxford Road and Whitworth Street areas, supporting local businesses and communities.

Consent of the proposed works will be sought via an application to MCC for 'prior Approval' under Part 18 Class A, Schedule 2 of the General Permitted Development Order 2015 (the 'GPDO') for the footbridge and canopy elements of the Proposed Development. Platform, track, signaling and overhead line works will be permitted development under the GPDO Part 18 with no prior approval required. In addition, temporary construction land that is adjacent to Network Rail operational land will benefit from permitted development under Part 4, Class A (temporary buildings and structures) of the GPDO and full planning permission may be required for other off-site construction compound works.

Further, a Transport and Works Act Order ('TWAo') is likely to be required to secure the temporary use of land outside the ownership of Network Rail and for access to the Station Site for construction. A separate Transport and Works Act Order (TWAo) for land only issues will also be submitted directly to the DfT's TWAo unit.

The Station, its curtilage structures including pedestrian footbridge, canopies, platforms, and the viaducts are Listed structures. A Listed Buildings Consent will be required for the works to or demolition of any of these structures.

We enclose a copy of our EIA Combined Screening and Scoping Report (Ref: 177127-AEC-ZZ-XX-REP-EEN-000001 Rev 03) for consideration and consultation, which details the nature and purpose of the proposed works and describes the possible effects of the works on the environment. The Executive

Summary to the report details our rationale for scoping topics areas in and out of the EIA, which we precis below in Table 1:

Table 1: Summary of Scoping Results

Topic	Element	Scoped in/out	
		Construction	Operation
Air Quality	Site equipment and plant emissions during Construction	Out	Out
	Dust	In	Out
	Road traffic emissions	In	Out
	Rail Emissions	Out	Out
Noise and Vibration	Vibration – People & Buildings	In	Out
	Airborne Noise	In	In
	Ground-borne Noise	Out	Out
	Traffic Noise	In	Out
	Industrial noise	Out	In
	Tranquil areas	Out	Out
Material and Waste	Materials	Out	Out
	Waste	Out	Out
Cultural Heritage	Archaeological Remains	In	Out
	Historic Buildings	In	In
	Historic Landscape	Out	Out
Townscape and Visual	Townscape/ Landscape character - National Character Area (NCA)	Out	Out
	Townscape/ Landscape character - Strategic Character Areas	In	In
	Townscape/ Landscape character - National Cycle Network	In	In
	Visual amenity – Residents, Employees, Students, Vehicle travellers, Rail travellers, Users of local Public Right of Ways, identified visual receptors at viewpoint, Theatre goers, Tourists experiencing elevated views from hotel accommodation.	In	In
	Users of Public Open Space	In	Out
	Users of the Rochdale Canal & Towpath	In	Out
Transport and Access	Construction / Operational Traffic	In	In
	Severance	In	In
	NMU Amenity	In	Out
	Driver Delay	In	In
	Fear and Intimidation	In	In
	Road Safety	In	In
Water – Hydrology and Surface Water	Water quality – surface water features	Out	Out
	Water quality – groundwater features	Out	Out
	Flood Risk – Fluvial	In	Out

Topic	Element	Scoped in/out	
		Construction	Operation
	Flood Risk – Surface Water	In	In
	Flood Risk - Groundwater	In	Out
	Flood Risk – Canal Breach	Out	Out
	Flood Risk – Reservoirs	Out	Out
	Flood Risk - sewers	In	In
Ecology, Nature Conservation and Biodiversity	Statutory and non-statutory designated sites	Out	Out
	Habitats	In	Out
	Badger	Out	Out
	Bats	In	Out
	Breeding Birds	In	Out
	Black redstart	In	Out
	Great crested newt and other notable amphibians	Out	Out
	Fish	In	Out
	Otter	In	Out
	Water vole	Out	Out
	INNSP	In	Out
Climate Change	Lifecycle Green House Gas	Out	Out
	Climate Change Impact	Out	Out
Socio-Economic	Generation of employment, training and apprenticeship opportunities	In	In
	Land use and displacement	In	Out
	Amenity impacts	In	In
	Severance impacts	In	Out
Human Health	Access to healthcare and other social infrastructure services.	In	In
	Access to open space, PRoW, recreational facilities and opportunities for physical activity and active travel.	In	Out
	Road and route safety.	In	Out
	Provision of economic opportunities and resources that protect and promote good health.	In	In
	Air Quality	In	Out
	Noise and vibration	In	In
	Townscape and visual amenity	In	In
	Flood risk, drainage, and surface water	In	In
	Community identity and social participation	In	Out
Major Accidents and Disasters	Transport accidents	Out	Out
	Human error/management failure	Out	Out
	Utility failures	Out	Out

Topic	Element	Scoped in/out	
		Construction	Operation
	Engineering accidents and failures	Out	Out
	Pollution accidents	Out	Out
	Climatological and Meteorological	Out	Out
	Biological	Out	Out
Cumulative and Combined Effects	Cumulative Effects	In	In
	Combined Effects	In	In

We would be grateful if you could provide confirmation by return that the submitted information is sufficient to enable a screening and scoping opinion to be given. We look forward to receiving the Council's screening and scoping opinions in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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