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BY EMAIL

Dear Sir

Proposed Chiltern Railways (Bicester to Oxford Improvements) Order Objection 214 - British Waterways Board

We write concerning the objection to the above proposed Order by our client, the British Waterways Board ('BWB'). BWB are entering into negotiations with the Promoter in the hope of securing an Agreement, the terms of which will allow BWB to withdraw its objection and obviate the need for them to appear at the Public Inquiry. However, the parties are at an early stage in the negotiations and BWB have not yet received Heads of Terms from the Promoter.

Our client is confident that it will be possible to achieve a mutually acceptable conclusion with the Promoter. However, matters have clearly not yet reached this point and BWB is aware that today is the deadline for submissions of Statements of Case. Therefore, as our client's letter of objection sets out in detail the issues on which our client objects, we would ask that the letter be taken as its Statement of Case. Whilst BWB has not settled on a full list of the documents that it would rely on were it to appear at the Inquiry, the documents listed in the Promoter's Statement of Case would form the majority of such documents.

Yours faithfully



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