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On behalf of Quadrangle Management Limited, there are two conditions which I would wish the Inspector to recommend concerning these proposals:

1) That between Castle Mill Stream and Water Eaton Station (and vice versa) all freight trains be restricted to a 30 MPH limit.

Reason.

I am told that this is the current operating speed limit for freight, imposed by the Statutory Authority - currently Network Rail - because of infrastructure limitations around North Oxford junction.

I would wish that this speed limit to be retained, regardless of any such infrastructure limitations, because this line runs within seven metres of our bedrooms, and very close to other residential property.

I believe that this is required because there is nothing to say that such infrastructure limitations will never, one day, be alleviated.

2) That between Castle Mill Stream and Water Eaton Station (and vice versa) all passenger trains be restricted to a 50 MPH limit.

Reason.

I would wish that this speed limit to be imposed because this line runs within seven metres of our bedrooms, and very close to other residential property. I calculate that this will increase passenger journey time between Oxford and Bicester, or between Oxford and London, by less than 48 seconds, whilst representing a considerable improvement over current journey speeds and time.

I believe both of these requests to be entirely responsible and reasonable on our behalf; considering our proximity, and the clay and gravel geology of our sub-soil, they would serve to significantly reduce both the threat of noise and vibration nuisance - including noxious emissions - and help maintain our peace of mind.