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Dear [REDACTED]

Freight train lengthening at Oxford – ditch infilling work

Oxford Meadows – Special Area of Conservation (SAC) Port Meadow with Wolvercote Common and Green - Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI)

The Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994 Assent under Section 28H of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)

This letter may be taken to be Natural England's formal consultation representations under Regulations 48(3) of the *Conservation (Natural Habitats &c.) Regulations 1994*. Natural England does not object to the proposal. Natural England is of the opinion that the proposal would not be likely to have a significant effect on the Oxford Meadows SAC and is not directly connected with the management of the site for nature conservation.

Natural England assent to the proposals made in your notice of 28/6/2013 under S28H of the *Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended)*, specifically the infilling of a redundant dry ditch to allow the setting up of a storage area within the Network Rail boundary.

If you wish to change the proposed operation, or carry out additional operations for which assent has not been given, you are required to give further written notice to Natural England.

I would also draw your attention to your duty, under Section 28G of the 1981

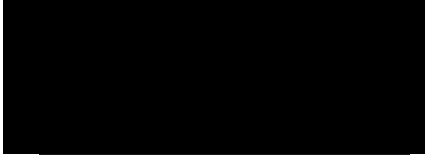
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Wildlife and Countryside Act, as amended by the *Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000*, to take reasonable steps, consistent with the proper exercise of your functions, to further the conservation and enhancement of the SSSI.

If you would like to discuss this matter in further detail, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address.

Yours sincerely,



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