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Dear Sirs,

**TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992**

**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE)  
(ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006  
APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (EAST WEST RAIL BICESTER TO  
BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER WAIVER APPLICATION**

Thank you for your letter dated 28 June 2018, in which you request a direction under rule 18 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 ("the Rules"), regarding the above proposed application.

You are seeking a direction to disapply the requirement under rule 10(2) of the Rules, which requires 4 copies of all relevant documents to be submitted with the application that is being made.

We do require, in accordance with rule 10(2), the requisite copies of the documents to accompany an application that is being made.

However, we note from the email provided by your client Network Rail on 4 July 2018, that there is a significant cost associated with the provision of relevant documents. The Secretary of State is therefore content to make the direction that rule 10(2) (other than paragraph (2)(g)) is not to apply in relation to this application on the grounds that this is unnecessary in the first instance and instead, for one copy of the relevant documents to be submitted with the application.

This direction is being made on the condition that further copies should be made immediately available to the Secretary of State upon request at any time before a decision on this application is issued e.g. should a Public Inquiry be necessary.

Yours faithfully

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