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Dear Mr M Banton,

I write in response to the objection (ref: OBJ/248) dated 24 April 2019 sent on behalf of your clients, Cemex UK, in respect of the proposed Network Rail (East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements) Order (the Order).

Notices

In accordance with the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006 (the 2006 Rules), Network Rail sent notices directly to all owners and occupiers identified as being affected by the compulsory purchase of property for the purposes of the Order scheme. As part of this process, Cemex UK was issued with notices in respect of Order plots 1068, 1069, 1073 and 1090 dated 27 July 2018. These notices were posted to Cemex House, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey W20 8TD in accordance with the Land Registry title records for these plots of land. The Land Registry amends address details on land titles where the title holder requests a change of address, in which case a new edited registered title will be issued. Prior to the issue of notices, Network Rail checked Companies House records to ensure that company addresses were up to date as is good practice. However, this exercise was undertaken prior to Cemex UK changing registered office and registering same with Companies House on 4 June 2018.

Cemex UK raised with Network Rail the issue that notices in respect of the Order had not been received and requested these to be reissued in an email dated 13 March 2019. The notices were subsequently reissued by Network Rail by an email dated 14 March 2019. At this point the land titles for plots owned by Cemex UK were still registered at the Land Registry to Cemex House, Coldharbour Lane, Thorpe, Egham, Surrey W20 8TD.

Required land take

Network Rail has been and continues to be in dialogue with Cemex UK, with meetings having taken place on 5 May 2016, 3 July 2018 and 16 April 2019. The station proposals at Bletchley are for the introduction of new platforms to either side of the twin track railway,

immediately north of Bletchley Flyover. The accompanying cross platform access, referred to as the 'station core', is provided at ground level with the introduction of an underpass and associated stairs/lifts. The principle of this layout and use of land at ground level has remained unaltered since 2016, with the only significant change being a shortening of the platforms, which previously extended south as well as north from the station core. The consequential narrowing of the access road, due to the introduction of the station core, and the need to therefore implement traffic control measures was discussed with Cemex UK on 3 July 2018.

The confirmation of Cemex UK traffic volumes accessing and egressing the Cemex UK site was agreed to be provided by the company following the meeting on 3 July 2018; however, in the absence of this data being provided, Network Rail undertook a traffic survey to generate this data independently. This survey took place over a 7 day period from Sunday 14 to Saturday 20 October 2018. It was requested that confirmation be given as to whether the traffic survey period was representative of typical access/egress at the site - no confirmation was received from Cemex UK.

Following a meeting with Cemex UK on 16 April 2019, Network Rail has undertaken to generate a traffic model of the access with: (a) its current operation; and (b) the proposed signal controlled operation. A critical input in generating this model is the confirmation from Cemex UK of usage of the weighbridge (vehicle numbers, direction of movement, dwell time on weighbridge etc), a response on which is still awaited by Network Rail.

Network Rail continues to work with Cemex UK towards the goal of proposing and implementing a solution that will achieve the aims of East West Rail, whilst also providing a safe solution that facilitates the existing functional requirements of the Cemex UK Bletchley plant.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Moeng', written in a cursive style.

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For and on behalf of Network Rail