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Dear Teresa Willway,

Chief Executive Correspondence – River Arun IDD Public Inquiry

Mark Carne's office has asked me to respond to your letter, and I have spoken with our drainage and geotechnical departments to gather our response.

The watercourses feeding the River Arun affect the earthworks as well as the railway drainage. Our Senior Asset Engineer - Geotech for Sussex has attended a number of the Arun Valley Vision Steering Group Meetings, hosted by the Environment Agency. We hope to continue positive engagement with all parties.

The local maintenance depot based at Brighton have a good working relationship with the local Environment Agency Operations Officers and the County Council drainage engineer. As long as the County Council is adequately resourced, we see no issue with them taking on the permissive responsibility from the IDB.

If you need to speak to us again, please contact our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41, or by visiting our website www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus**

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AMK", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Andrew MacKinnon
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