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Network Rail Consultation Response

Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you for consulting Network Rail regarding the Knebworth Neighbourhood Plan. Any development to happen within allocated sites in the Neighbourhood Plan must adhere to the following informatives/requirements:

Overhead Line Equipment

No works may be carried out where there is a risk of any plant or element, temporary or permanent, coming within 3.5m of the Overhead Live Electricity. Please also note that the 'track support zone' is defined in Network Rail standard NR/L2/CIV/177 and any proposal which may require works to be conducted within this zone must be identified by the outside party and subsequent consultation with Network Rail must take place. Should criteria be met within this standard, a track monitoring plan will have to be agreed with Network Rail.

Plant & Materials

All operations, including the use of cranes or other mechanical plant working adjacent to Network Rail's property, must at all times be carried out in a "fail safe" manner such that in the event of mishandling, collapse or failure, no plant or materials are capable of falling within 3.0m of the boundary with Network Rail.

Vehicle Incursion

Where a proposal calls for hard standing area/parking of vehicles area near the boundary with the operational railway, Network Rail would recommend the installation of a highways approved vehicle

incursion barrier or high kerbs to prevent vehicles accidentally driving or rolling onto the railway or damaging lineside fencing.

Noise and Vibration

The potential for any noise/vibration impacts caused by the proximity between the proposed development and any existing railway must be assessed in the context of the National Planning Policy Framework which hold relevant national guidance information. The current level of usage may be subject to change at any time without notification including increased frequency of trains, night time train running and heavy freight trains.

I trust the above clearly sets out Network Rail's position on the planning application. Should you require any more information from Network Rail, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

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