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Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the Northampton Local Plan Part 2, we have the following comments to make.

Network Rail is a statutory consultee for any planning applications within 10 metres of relevant railway land (as the Rail Infrastructure Managers for the railway, set out in Article 16 of the Development Management Procedure Order) and for any development likely to result in a material increase in the volume or a material change in the character of traffic using a level crossing over a railway (as the Rail Network Operators, set out in Schedule 4 (J) of the Development Management Procedure Order).

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Network Rail are starting to work together with England's Economic Heartland and Northamptonshire looking specifically at Northampton – Market Harborough with regard to potential new developments as well as wider connectivity. This is going to be included in to thinking in West Coast released capacity as outlined below and also for connection in to the East Midlands.

Part of this thinking involves the possible development of a new station(s) on the new railway associated with significant housing development to enable commuting in to Milton Keynes, Northampton and northwards on to the MML line as well.

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