

Northampton Local Plan Part 2 Proposed Submission Consultation

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).

Network Rail is also a statutory undertaker responsible for maintaining and operating the railway infrastructure and associated estate. It owns, operates and develops the main rail network. Network Rail aims to protect and enhance the railway infrastructure, therefore any proposed development which is in close proximity to the railway line or could potentially affect Network Rail's specific land interests will need to be carefully considered.

The draft policy 39 states that "*Network Rail has indicated that subject to the current and future freight/ commercial operation being moved elsewhere, this opens up the potential for the residual railway land to be developed*".

Network Rail requests that the wording for Policy 39 is amended as follows, "***Network Rail has indicated that subject to the provision of a suitable replacement site to accommodate rail freight activities, this opens up the potential for the residual railway land to be developed***".

During the current situation all planning applications and planning policy consultation must be issued to:

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