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Dear Sir/Madam,

Ref: Totnes Neighbourhood Development Plan

Thank you for consulting us on Totnes Neighbourhood Development Plan. This email forms the basis of our response.

Network Rail is a statutory undertaker responsible for maintaining and operating the country's railway infrastructure and associated estate. Network Rail owns, operates, maintains and develops the main rail network. This includes the railway tracks, stations, signalling systems, bridges, tunnels, level crossings and viaducts. The preparation of development plan policy is important in relation to the protection and enhancement of Network Rail's infrastructure.

Section 5.6.14 mentions the potential development of the railway station as a transport hub with improved provision for bus links on both sides of the station, taxis and car parking. As Network Rail is a publicly funded organisation with a regulated remit it would not be reasonable to require Network Rail to fund rail improvements necessitated by commercial development. It is therefore appropriate to require developer contributions to fund such improvements.

The Main Line Railway (MLN1) runs through the plan area.

We would appreciate the Council's providing Network Rail with an opportunity to comment on any future planning policy documents. We look forward to continuing to work with you to maintain consistency between local and rail network planning strategy.

We trust these comments will be considered in your preparation of the forthcoming Plan documents.

Yours Sincerely,

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