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Dear Ms Phillips,

Railway Safety Regulations 1999 Exemption Application: Crossrail Train Protection (Plan B)

The Department for Transport (“the Department”) has an interest in the above application given its sponsorship of the Crossrail project, its safety policy functions and responsibility for the protection and advancement of the public interest.

We are grateful to the Office of Rail and Road (“ORR”) for the opportunity to comment.

As a Crossrail project sponsor, the Department understands and strongly supports the application for a temporary exemption from the requirements of the Railway Safety Regulations 1999 as an essential risk mitigation to ensure the successful commencement of Crossrail services on programme.

The Department has identified no specific safety concerns arising from the application but notes that other parties who have also been consulted, such as ORR signalling experts and the Rail Safety & Standards Board, will provide comment on the technical aspects and validity of the evidence presented.

Yours sincerely,

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