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Dear Briony Wycherley

**ORR's Regulation of Land Disposals by Network Rail**

I refer to your letter of 30<sup>th</sup> November, in which you sought the views of SWWITCH on current arrangements for Network Rail Land Disposal, and looking forward, views on proposed changes to the general consent under Network Rail's network license.

In terms of current arrangements, SWWITCH has not experienced any real difficulties over the last two years, albeit the Consortium is regularly asked to give a view on land disposal which is so far outside the region, and does not even provide direct rail connections to the region, it is hard to understand why a SWWITCH opinion is being sought in the matter. It may simply be that it is too much work to separate out consultations requests into geographically meaningful groups and so all consultees are asked about all land disposals.

In terms of the proposed changes to the general consent under Condition 7 of Network Rail's network license, and in particular the new general consent clause, SWWITCH is supportive of the changes proposed, which demonstrate the best combination of protection of rail user's interests and reducing delays to decision making.

I trust the above is helpful and should you require any clarification please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely

**Sue Miles – SWWITCH Co-ordinator**