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Network Rail Consultation Response

FAO:	Ms Elizabeth Mugova
Date:	7 August 2023
Application reference:	6/2023/1421/FULL
Proposal:	Retention of two animal shelters and erection of two identical ani
Location:	Postern Gate Farm, Newgate Street Village, Hertford, SG13 8QR

Thank you for your recent correspondence relating to the above application.

Network Rail own, operate and develop Britain's railway infrastructure. Our role is to deliver a safe and reliable railway. All consultations are assessed with the safety of the operational railway in mind and responded to on this basis.

Following assessment of the details provided to support the above application, Network Rail has **no objection in principle to the development**, but below are some requirements which must be met, especially with the proximity of the development to high voltage overhead line equipment.

Boundary Treatments

We note the proposals include the provision of pens for animals associated with the animal shelters and the developer should be satisfied that the fencing for these pens is sufficient to prevent animals from escaping into the broader field and potentially onto the railway. The railway boundary fence at this location appears to be post and wire only and not necessarily suitable to prevent animals from getting onto the railway. It should be noted that we are unable to prioritise removal of animals and pets from the operational railway environment and not only is access to the railway highly dangerous, unauthorised access (for instance to retrieve animals) is a criminal offence. The developer should be certain that fencing provision is suitable to prevent this and provide an additional stock proof boundary where this is not the case.

Conclusion

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the proposed scheme. We trust that the above will be given due consideration in determining the application and if you have any enquiries in relation to the above, please contact us

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Useful Network Rail contacts;

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Kind regards



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