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Dear Sir/Madam

Re: South Hams – Sherford Area Action Plan Submission Stage

I have set out Network Rail's comments below regarding the Sherford Area Action Plan.

The comments relate specifically to Network Rail's role as the agency responsible for delivering a reliable and safe rail network and also to maintain, improve and upgrade every aspect of the railway infrastructure. Network Rail has a diverse and significant property portfolio, and, where not required operationally, it is generally used to fund improvements to the rail network through maximising the commercial value of its estate by redevelopment or enhancement of the existing portfolio where ever possible.

With the increase in population at Sherford as a result of the development, Network Rail would welcome the results of a transport assessment to be completed by the developer. Where an increase in rail patronage is identified and subsequently the railway station facilities/infrastructure at Plymouth would require improvements to accommodate the rise, developer contributions would be sought.

I would be grateful if you would retain Network Rail on your list of consultees and keep me informed on the progress of the South Hams LDF and related publications and consultations.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

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