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Dear Joanna

Transport and Works Act 1992

Proposed Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) (Improvements) Order

Further to its objection to the above Order, I am writing to inform you of the Canal and River Trust's position to assist you and the Inspector for the purposes of the Pre-Inquiry meeting being held virtually at 10.00 on Tuesday 7 September 2021.

Although the Trust expects to be present at the Pre-Inquiry meeting, that is intended to be to observe and listen to the proceedings.

The Trust still hopes it will be possible to reach agreement with Network Rail, but should that not prove to be the case, it would wish to appear at the inquiry to give evidence. At present the Trust expects it may have up to three witnesses and to be represented by Counsel, details of which will be provided in due course. That evidence (and cross examination), likely to cover land and property concerns, the appropriate measures required to protect the waterways and other related matters, may require a day or so of inquiry time. Ideally the Trust would wish to be programmed towards the end of the inquiry to allow as much time as possible for negotiations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any queries you may have.

Yours sincerely,

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