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By e-mail

Dear Sirs,

Network Rail (Oxford Phase 2) Order

I am writing to strongly support the proposals in this Order.

I am a regular user of Oxford Station to access all parts of the country by rail and look forward to using East West Rail from 2024.

It is currently very frustrating, particularly when approaching from the south, to be held waiting for a platform to become clear and watching the clock to see whether I will still be able to catch my connecting bus to get home.

The proposed additional Platform 5 will be key to overcoming this frustration. At the same time, the improvements to Botley Road bridge are vital for the medium term development of facilities for cyclists, pedestrians and buses across this busy city.

Having studied their proposals, Network Rail appear to have developed an excellent package to overcome the current capacity issues whilst future proofing for electrification and other growth on the eastern side of the station.

I should be pleased if you would register my strong support for the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Rose