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Dear Liz,

Network Rail consultation response to planning application ref: O/25/99505 – Navigator Quarter, Eastleigh SO18 2NL

Thank you for providing opportunity for Network Rail (NR) the opportunity to comment further on the above planning application following the re-consultation of new and amended documents.

NR has previously provided guidance on the need for the applicant to engage with NR's Asset Protection team (ASPRO), and we welcome the comments confirming the applicant will do so. NR would support the inclusion of a planning condition requiring this engagement to take place if deemed necessary. Any structures over the railway may require a further structures agreement to be in place with NR. This matter would be resolved during discussions with ASPRO.

Additionally, NR notes the updated consultation response from Hampshire County Council (HCC) dated 6 March 2026. The HCC structures team comment '*No objection to the principle of the improvement works has been raised by HCC Structures team on the basis the bridge structure will be adopted by Network Rail and only the surface will be adopted by the LHA*'. It is not standard practice that NR adopt third party structures due to the increased burden of maintenance and inspections. Further discussions are required to determine if NR would adopt any new structures over the railway however it should not be assumed that this would be the case.

It should be noted that NR would not support any new at-grade crossings over the railway or the increased use of existing crossings. Any new means of crossing the railway must be over or above to prevent users interacting with the railway. This is in the interests of the protection of these users alongside ensuring a safe and efficient railway.

Best Regards,
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