

Good afternoon,

Further to Network Rail's previous responses to the application, the proposed development has been further reviewed in the context of the proposed timetable changes which will see an increase in the number of services using the railway line through Bedhampton station, from 3rd June 2024. These timetable changes will result in increased barrier down time due to both stopping and non-stopping services operating along the line and Network Rail have concerns over a worsening of the existing 'backing-up' of vehicles looking to use the railway crossing. There have been incidents in the past where vehicles have been caught by the barriers as they have been closing and this results in significant delays to the train services alongside potential damage to railway infrastructure. Network Rail are concerned that both existing and future vehicles from the proposed development will make the situation worse without mitigation.

Therefore, Network Rail submit a **holding objection** to the application until the impact of traffic generation on the railway crossing has been fully considered, including the forthcoming service changes, to our satisfaction.

Best,
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