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Dear Mr Croston,

Network Rail would like to express its support for Wiltshire Council's concept proposal for the Chippenham Station Redevelopment. As joint landowner of this site, we are pleased to be working with Wiltshire on this exciting scheme that will bring benefits to rail users and to the region as a whole.

Network Rail look forward to working with Wiltshire Council on developing the current proposal to find a solution which maximises the benefit to the region and the travelling public, minimises the impact on the operational railway; whilst demonstrating the best value for money for the taxpayer.

Network Rail is committed to working with partners who can assist with releasing publicly owned land for residential development and bringing third party investment into Network Rail; as supported through the recent Shaw review into future funding of Network Rail. From the meetings held to date Options 7 & 8 of the Strategic Outline Business Case appear to broadly meet the criteria required for Network Rail to support the progression of these options. For Network Rail's support to continue the criteria above must remain paramount in the progression of the Chippenham Station Redevelopment.

At this time and in the immediate future Network Rail does not have any funds identified to deliver enhancements to Chippenham Station and as such investment in the station will need to remain third party funded. Network Rail also have a requirement that a Basic Asset Protection Agreement (BAPA) will need to be signed prior to any further progression of Wiltshire Council's proposal.,

Network Rail are delivering the largest investment in the network since Victorian times with our Railway Upgrade Plan; including electrification of the Great Western Main Line. We support bringing more external funding into the railway to help deliver The Greater West; and look forward to seeing these exciting plans advanced. Key infrastructure investment helps support and drive much needed growth in the economy, jobs & housing for places including Chippenham and Wiltshire.

Yours sincerely,

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Route Enhancement Manager, Western