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Dear Stephen,

## **PROPOSED HIGH SPEED RAIL (LONDON-WEST MIDLANDS) ACT 2017 (AMENDMENT) (BROMFORD TUNNEL) ORDER**

## **TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006 ("THE 2006 RULES")**

### **REQUEST FOR A WAIVER UNDER RULE 18 OF THE 2006 RULES**

Thank you for your letter of 11 January 2022, in which you request a direction under rule 18 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) 2006 ("the Rules"), regarding the above proposed application.

You are seeking a direction to disapply the requirement under rule 10(2) of the Rules, which requires 4 copies of all relevant documents to be submitted with the application that is being made. We note that this would save HS2 the cost of producing hard copy sets of the Order application documents which may not be required by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State is content to make the direction that rule 10(2) is not to apply in relation to this application, on the grounds that it would be unnecessary in the first instance. This direction is made on the expectation that one copy of the relevant documents is submitted electronically, and that further copies should be made immediately available to the Secretary of State upon request at any time before a decision on this application is issued, for example should a Public Inquiry be necessary.

Yours sincerely,

**Natasha Kopala**

