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## Chandrika,

RFG is highly supportive of the revised guidance for level crossings overall. We have only one substantive comment, regarding new level crossings (page 97). Whilst we would generally agree with the presumption against new crossings, there may be occasions where some flexibility might be necessary to enable cost effective reopening of rail lines for freight services. The necessity for multiple new road bridges would clearly be a major cost for the scheme. Of course, each case would need to be looked at on its merits with the appropriate analysis, but I hope that an 'absolute' position can be avoided.

Thank and regards

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