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Network Rail have reviewed the documents pertaining to the hybrid application for an outline consent for 400 dwellings. Network Rail notes the proximity of the application site to the strategic development site at Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate (BEW). Network Rail’s primary concern is around the cumulative impact, from both this application and the proposed scheme at BEW, on Woodgate Level Crossing. In the transport assessment that accompanies this planning application, there is reference to Woodgate level crossing in para 3.3.6 onwards. On reviewing the submitted information as part of the TA, it is noted that the applicant does not include any reference to the timetable changes that will affect the West Coastway Line from 3 June 2024. These changes will see an increase in the number of stopping and non-stopping services along this route to and from Barnham station which will see an increase in downtime for the barriers at Woodgate level crossing.

In addition to the above, Network Rail does not believe that the impact of usage of the level crossing has been fully considered, especially around its use by pedestrians. The creation of new pedestrian links with the BEW development will likely see a rise in footfall, particularly given the proximity of the existing Aldingbourne Primary School.

Therefore, Network Rail submit a **holding objection** to the application until Network Rail are satisfied that the impact on the level crossing has been fully assessed and any potential mitigations have been discussed and agreed.

Kind Regards,
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