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# Annex A

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“Option 7” means the proposal being considered by the nominated undertaker for an alternative solution to seek to address issues at Common Lane as a result of the Proposed Scheme involving...
the construction of a new permanent road linking the A515 Lichfield Road to Crawley Lane on the alignment shown indicatively on Plan 1;

“the Property” means the land required for the construction, operation and maintenance of Option 7 as indicatively shown outlined in purple on Plan 1;

“Plan 1” means the plan attached to this agreement;

“the Proposed Scheme” means Phase 2a of HS2 as defined further in the Bill;

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“Work No. 7B” means an access road commencing at a point 380 metres northeast of the junction of Shaw Lane with the A515 Lichfield Road and terminating at a point 85 metres north-east of its commencement as described at Schedule 1 to the Bill.

1. Option 7 Development

1.1 The Secretary of State acknowledges that Option 7 has potential to reduce the impacts of the Proposed Scheme during construction while delivering similar benefits during operation. The Secretary of State will therefore require the nominated undertaker to seek to implement Option 7 substantially in accordance with the alignment as shown indicatively on Plan 1.

1.2 The Secretary of State will require the nominated undertaker to seek to:

1.2.1 open any new Option 7 permanent alignment to the public before stopping up the existing Common Lane; and

1.2.2 implement Option 7 instead of implementing Work No. 7D.

1.3 The assurances given in this paragraph 1 are subject to:

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1.3.2 the nominated undertaker identifying a suitable alternative site within the Act limits (as defined by the Bill), which can be used for relocation of the mitigation planting in the vicinity of the proposed new roundabout at the junction of the A515 Lichfield Road/A513 Rugeley Road;

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1.3.5 the nominated undertaker, during detailed design, not being prevented from constructing an alternative bridleway link between Common Lane and Work No. 7B, which would otherwise connect with Work No. 7D;

and do not require the Secretary of State to promote an Additional Provision in relation to Option 7.

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