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Department for Transport

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National Policy Statement for National Networks

On 13 January 2015 the House of Commons debated the National Policy Statement for National Networks which I laid for parliamentary approval on 17 December 2014. In the light of the satisfactory completion of that process I am pleased to inform the House that I am today designating it as a National Policy Statement under the provisions of section 5(4) of the Planning Act 2008.

An effective planning system is crucial to the future timely development of the country's national networks infrastructure. The designation of this policy statement marks a significant step forward, clarifying what is required to enable the development of major schemes that will alleviate congestion on our roads and overcrowding on our railways, whilst setting clear requirements on safety, design quality and environmental protection.