



House of Lords  
LONDON SW1A 0PW

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Dear Kwasi Kwarteng,

Please forgive this handwritten missive but my secretary is away on holiday

I refer to the matter of the power cables which are being routed across agricultural land of [REDACTED]

The beneficiary of the estate, Sir John White, k.t., has, I understand accepted that these cables will be routed across his estate but remains concerned (as I do) that at one point it is proposed that the ditch for them will be cut through a forty or forty five year old hedgerow rather than being tunnelled under it.

Hedgerows at roadsides are tunnelled under and it would cost little to treat this hedgerow in the same way. It is not merely a matter of appearance

The hedgerow is both a refuge for some wildlife and a barrier to others including wild deer.

The cost of tunnelling would be a very small part of the overall cost of the scheme. The environmental gain of tunnelling would be substantial.

Please reconsider this matter.

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