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Dear Sirs

I refer to paragraphs 3.1.2 – 3.1.3 of the Statement of Common Ground between the Applicant and Highways England dated 5 September 2019 and write to update the Examining Authority on the progress of the agreement referred to therein. Discussions between the parties as to the terms of protective measures for the benefit of Highways England's interest in the strategic road network ("SRN") crossed by the existing gas pipeline in two place are ongoing.

Highways England's expectation is that the parties will put in place and secure such measures to overcome any inappropriate or uncontrolled impacts or use of the SRN as a consequence of the wide application of compulsory acquisition and other powers in the dDCO. The parties are in agreement as to the scope and extent of powers as they could be applied to the SRN. I understand that the Applicant is in agreement as to the principle of putting such measures in place and Highways England anticipates being able to reach agreement with the Applicant shortly.

Highways England has so far not provided any comments on the suitability of the dDCO insofar as it relates to the SRN and reserves its position to do so at a later stage and to attend any future hearing. At this stage that is hoped to be avoided. In the interests of concluding negotiations with the Applicant and otherwise costs, Highways England does not intend to make any comments on the Applicant's revised dDCO at this deadline.

In the event that the Examining Authority has any questions or queries please direct to me in the first instance.

Kind regards

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