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Our previous representation submitted on behalf of Mr Gravel on 8th August 2022 remains as stated.

Additionally, The DCO Applicant has failed to adequately consult and engage with our client in relation to the acquisition of his property interests in advance of the powers now being sought to compulsory purchase. This is contrary to s.42 of the Planning Act 2008 and paragraph 25 of the DCLG's published guidance related to procedures for the compulsory acquisition of land.

Further, in October 2022, an acquiring authority's failure to adequately engage and negotiate in advance of seeking confirmation to compulsory purchase land was one of the principal grounds for the Inspector's decision not to confirm The London Borough of Barking and Dagenham Council (Vicarage Field and surrounding land) Compulsory Purchase Order 2021.

We therefore request the powers being sought by the DCO Applicant to acquire Mr Gravel's property and business interests be refused.