

## **Response to the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (EXQ1)**

**LR 1.20 – Provide Comments on the Applicant's response [REP2-028] to Network Rail's written representations [REP1-060]. What is current position with respect to negotiations with the Applicant.**

The Applicant is currently in ongoing discussions with Network Rail's Asset Protection Team regarding asset protection agreements.

The first stage of Clearances has been completed for the two cable crossings (Business Clearance); however Technical Clearance is yet to be completed and is currently with the stakeholders at Network Rail.

Network Rail do require a property agreement, such as an easement to be entered into. The property agreement is being drafted by Network Rail's lawyers and will be circulated to the Applicant as soon as a full draft has been completed and it has been approved Network Rail.

Negotiations with the Applicant are progressing and there are currently a couple of outstanding points on the protective provisions and framework agreement which will be resolved once the property agreement has been finalised and clearances have been completed. Therefore, at this point in time, Network Rail cannot remove their objection until the framework agreement is in place. However, it is anticipated that this will be possible prior to the close of the Examination and Network Rail will provide an update to the Examining Authority as soon as we can.