



Dear Sirs,

This e-mail is in response to the Examining Authority's first written questions, issued on the 13th October 2023.

I write as a Chartered Surveyor and Land Agent who is representing a large number of landowners and Persons with Interest in Land (PILs) along the proposed route. I respond to the following questions: -

Compulsory Acquisition, Temporary Possession and Other Land or Rights Considerations

- CA1.4.1A Do you agree with the applicant's approach No
- B *If not, explain why not, with reasons.* Throughout the last year to 18 months I have had numerous meetings with Bruton Knowles (agents for the applicant) to work through and agree Heads of Terms for voluntary rights in land via a Deed of Grant. These Heads of Terms were agreed on a generic basis for all of our clients, with final copies being signed off by the applicant on the 1st September 2023. Since this time we have only received Heads of Terms for landowners to sign on approximately one third of our clients. I am therefore concerned that the applicant does not remain committed to agreeing voluntary rights, by way of an easement, rather than wayleaves.

The proposal for a Deed of Grant, rather than wayleaves, has the impact of putting undue burden on my client's land and I do not believe allows for full assessment of appropriate compensation etc.

Draft Development Consent Order

DC1.6.44 – Do you consider that 14 days' Notice (Article 21 (3)) is an appropriate and reasonable amount of Notice for the undertaker to
give you, prior to entering land to undertake surveys and investigations? If not, what Notice period would you consider to be
proportionate and reasonable? - Given that some of the affected land has livestock on it, as well as shoots etc., 28 days' Notice
would be more appropriate and reasonable.

I trust the above is self-explanatory and do let me know if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

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