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Dear Giles,

PLANNING ACT 2008 PROPOSED NORTH LONDON REINFORCEMENT PROJECT

SECRETARY OF STATE'S DISCHARGE OF FUNCTIONS IN RESPECT OF ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OVER LAND HELD BY TRANSPORT FOR LONDON

1. Your Secretary of State is currently considering the determination of the application for a Development Consent Order by National Grid Electricity Transmission plc ("the applicant") for the above project. The applicant also applied on 17 May 2013 to the Secretary of State for Transport ("SoST") for a certificate under section 127 of the Planning Act 2008 ("the 2008 Act") in relation to the compulsory acquisition of rights over land held by a statutory undertaker, Transport for London ("the s.127 application").

2. An Examiner (Rynd Smith) from the Planning Inspectorate carried out an examination into the s.127 application and reported to SoST on 23 January 2014. The Examiner recommended at paragraph 4.1 of his report as follows:-

"The Examiner recommends the Secretary of State for Transport to note that as all representations relevant to the application relating to the interests of Transport for London have been withdrawn, there is now no basis or requirement for that certificate to be either sought or granted."

3. SoST notes and agrees with the Examiner's recommendation. He will therefore take no further action on the application under section 127 of the 2008 Act for the reasons given by the Examiner.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Woods