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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 Thames Water and the Environment Agency

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 the Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra's SoS) 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 statutory undertakers: Thames Water and the Environment Agency (the s127 applications).

An Examiner (Rynd Smith) from the Planning Inspectorate carried out an examination into the s127 applications and reported to Defra's SoS on 23 January 2014. The Examiner recommended at paragraph 4.1 of his report:

"The Examiner recommends the Secretary of State for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs to note that as all representations relevant to the applications relating to the interests of Thames Water and the Environment Agency have been withdrawn, there is now no basis or requirement for those certificates to be either sought or granted."



Defra's SoS 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Catherine Harrold', written in a cursive style.

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