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Subject: Yorkshire GREEN – ExQ2 - Mr D Blacker/ Ms M Blacker

Q4.3.13 Mr D Blacker/ Ms M Blacker interest in land in vicinity of Pylon SP006

The Applicant responded to the points made in your Relevant Representation [RR-022] and [RR-024] at Deadline 1 [REP1-015] and has set out its view on progress to reaching agreement in the Updated CA and TP Objections' Schedule [REP4-020], objection 5. At CAH1, the ExA also requested continued engagement over the reasoning for Pylon SP006's location. The Applicant indicated it is arranging to meet with your Land Agent.

Also note that the Applicant has indicated in its response to ISH2 actions [REP4-026], Action Point 25, confirming that accessing Pylon SP005 from Pylon SP004 for construction is a feasible alternative within the current Order limits. It is stated that this would negate the need for undergrounding Work No. U4, although the access track past New Farm would still be required to construct a temporary bridge over Hurns Gutter and for ongoing maintenance during operation.

Question:

- a) Would the concerns that you raised in your RR regarding access affecting agricultural activities be resolved with this proposal to access construction of Pylon SP005 from Pylon SP004? **Yes**
- b) Would that mean that you no longer suggest an alternative access point off the A19 from a point further north? **Yes**
- c) Has the Applicant met with you/ your Land Agent to explain the reasoning for the location of Pylon SP006 and the lack of potential for flexibility with the current alignment? **Yes**
- d) Is this matter still subject to disagreement and are there any other matters which are still subject to resolution? **SP006 and SP007 are still subject to disagreement. A meeting was held on Friday 30th June and a request was made for the llocations to be pegged out. They were pegged out on Friday 7th July and a further meeting is required.**
- e) Do you agree with the Applicant's statement that it is hopeful that agreement will be reached before the end of the Examination. **Positive engagement is underway and it is hopeful but not certain that agreement will be reached. We also await feedback on compound lease terms.**

Q13.0.3 Economic impacts of the Proposed Development for New Farm

Further to your Relevant Representation [RR-022], at the Accompanied Site Inspection [EV-001b] you indicated a preferred location for the proposed pylon SP006 to be sited in a different part of the same field (i.e. moved to the north to be located closer to the existing footbridge).

- a) What would be the operational and economic benefits to the farming operations of relocating proposed pylon SP006 to the north? Where possible, provide evidence to support your response.
- b) Your [RR-022] states that pylon SP006 should be moved to reduce the impact on the use of the field. Can you explain in more detail what the practical impacts on the use of the field would be, should pylon SP006 be constructed in the position currently proposed

Pylon SP006 is currently set 14m from the field boundary at the entrance to the "neck" of the field. This means that the 24m sprayer cannot pass to the east of it, thus leading to an area that would harbour weeds of approximately 5-6 times the size of the pylon footprint.

Pylon SP005 is also set approximately 14m from the field edge with the same consequence. David Blacker is going to look further at this pylon location to see if there is any better option for him that might be within the tolerances discussed at the meeting.

When farming round pylons, there is additional time and fuel for every farming operation: cultivations, seed drilling, fertiliser spreading, crop spraying and combining when navigating round a pylon. As an example, the normal work rate would be 5 Ha per hour for drilling which would reduce to 0.4 Ha per hour when working round a pylon. Additional implications are from the compaction caused by the additional turning required on an area of approximately 20 metres on each side of a pylon and include yield loss comparable to that of a headland. The consequence is that a crop would not be profitable. However, if a crop was not grown there then it would become an area harbouring weeds and if sown to grass it could potentially be caught in the combine and contaminate a harvested crop. Thus, despite being unprofitable, continuing to crop is the least worst option.

If it is not possible to move SP006 further north, then could it move further south, sufficient to have a 24m gap between it and the edge of the crop to allow the sprayer to pass?

Also, given that SP007 is no longer on a major angle, would that allow the lines to run from SP006 to SP008 and remove SP007 entirely? That would mean only one pylon would be in that field rather than 2, thus replicating the current situation albeit in a different location. Given the relatively shorter spans proposed due to the issues highlighted with SP007 foundations and connecting cables, perhaps this could deal with all the legacy problems of that pylon? I understand there may be concerns about the strength of the existing foundations for the new scheme anyway.

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