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National Infrastructure Planning

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Dear Madam/ Sir

**HyNet Carbon Dioxide Pipeline
Suggested location for Accompanied Site Inspection**

We write on behalf of our clients:

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As numbered on the submitted land plan, our clients' holding includes the following parcels as numbers on that plan:

18.03 – 18.21	Owned	Permanent acquisition of sub-surface
18.25 – 18.26	Rented	Permanent acquisition of sub-surface
19.04a	Owned	Permanent acquisition of land
19.04b	Owned	Permanent acquisition of land
19.04	Owned	Permanent acquisition of sub-surface

Suggested locations and identification

We request that the following locations are visited as part of the ASI:

- Area of proposed construction compound [Work number 41D and 41A]
- Area of permanent land take for environmental mitigation [Work number 57k]

Issues to be observed

At the area near to [REDACTED] the ExA will see the proximity of the land to the farmyard although it must be aware that that land is used for grazing pasture, spreading and the harvesting

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of silage crop. The ExA will see the slurry tower. The slurry storage at the site consists of an underground tank and an above ground tower (necessitated by new legislation requiring 6 months' storage capacity). The proposed works at this location will necessitate the removal of the slurry tower and the concrete base on which it sits; there is no suitable alternative location for the tower. The current location of the tower is not ideal from the point of view of being able to see it from the farmhouse, but there was no other location available at the time of the construction and neither is there one now.

Access

The first area can be viewed from the Holywell Road.

The second area can be viewed from Pinfold Road.

Reason for suggestion

The first location has been suggested so that the ExA can appreciate the impact of the chosen route at this location on the continuing operation of the farm. The issue raised goes to whether the farm can function at all rather than being a question of the loss (even on a temporary basis) of an area of land that can simply be bought off or compensated financially.

The second, environmental mitigation, area covers useful grazing areas along the route. The land that will be left consists of woodland that is unsuitable for grazing and will further fragment the holding. There doesn't seem to be a good reason not to provide this mitigation away from the route. The location has been suggested to demonstrate the difficulty that is going to be encountered crossing the line of the brook that runs through the woods running parallel to Pinfold Road. It is also not clear and may be relevant how access to these areas of proposed mitigation will be achieved. The ExA will be able to appreciate how the loss of parcel 19-04b will effectively sever what will remain of 19-04 and render it inaccessible.

Yours faithfully,

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For and on behalf of STEPHENS SCOWN LLP

