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For the attention of Nicholas Coombes

Dear Nicholas

Further to our telephone conversation this morning please find attached a letter raising queries from the NFU and Agents Association on the principal issues and the draft timetable which is to be covered at the preliminary hearing.
I confirm that a hard copy is in the post.

Many thanks

Regards

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Dear Sir

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme Preliminary Meeting and Examination Authority

Thank you for your letter notifying us that the preliminary meeting is to be held on the 13th May and that the purpose is to enable views to be put about how the application is to be examined. Thank you also for enclosing the agenda for the day along with the initial assessment of principal issues and the draft timetable which has been set out for the examination of the application.

The NFU and the Agents Association who are acting on behalf of NFU members and other farming clients who will be affected by the proposed scheme met on Thursday 30th April to discuss the issues highlighted and the timetable. Following this meeting we would like to raise the following questions and ask for clarification on the bullet point issues highlighted and the timetable:

Annex C – Principal Issues

Air Quality and Emissions

- Construction period including dust
 - – clarification that this will cover how dust is to be managed and is this detailed in the Code of Construction?

Biodiversity and Ecological Conservation

- Impact of habitat mitigation
 - - We would like to see clarification on how the areas taken out of agricultural production for habitat mitigation have been calculated and the reasons for the sites chosen.

Compulsory Acquisition

- Justification for compulsory acquisition of the land, rights and powers that are sought by the draft Development Consent Order

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- – clarification that this will cover the powers needed to take land on a permanent or temporary basis
 - - the powers needed to take land for Borrow Pits
 - – the powers needed to take land for flood and landscaping areas and construction sites
- Alternatives both in relation to individual plots and route
 - – clarification on what this will actually cover?
- Statutory Undertaker land and apparatus
 - – Clarification on what this will be covering?
- Funding and compensation including blight
 - – clarification on what this will be covering? Does this mean that we can now make representation in regard to compensation?

Design and Engineering Standards

- Matters include crossings and elevations
 - – clarification that this will cover the locations of bridges and underpasses and the standard specification of these to meet agricultural needs?
 - - clarification on the location of bunds within the design?

Development Consent Order

- Adequacy of the draft development Consent Order and requirements
 - – clarification that this will cover the requirements that have to be met by the Book of Reference to meet the Planning Inspectorate standards.

Economic and Social Effects

- Effect on loss of land
 - – We would like to look at the true effect of taking land from agricultural businesses and in some cases this will mean that a business will not remain viable.

Landscape and visual effects

- We would like a further matter to be included being the effect of tree planting and bunds on the landscape and the photomontages that have been produced.

Noise and vibration

- We would like to include a matter on noise barriers and bunds.

Transportation and Traffic

- Severance and access issues relating to public rights of way, non-motorised users, agriculture and the countryside.
 - We would like this to cover the need for agricultural access through Huntingdon and for further details on the proposed cycle route between Huntingdon and Cambridge following the new road.

Water Issues

- We would like the impact on field drainage and private ground water facilities to be considered. For specific wording to be included in the Code of Construction as to how this will be dealt with.
- We would like further details on the flood elevation sites.

We would also be grateful for the inclusion of the effects on soil and to receive details of how soil management during storage will be carried out. Further how reinstatement will be carried out when returning soil to agricultural use.

Draft Timetable

Deadline 1

- Comments on relevant representations
 - It is our understanding that this is the deadline for Highways to respond. Is it possible for another stakeholder to comment on a representation?
- Report on status of negotiations with affected parties in respect of compulsory acquisition for each plot.
 - It is our understanding this deadline is for Highways to report on this. We see that it has been highlighted that a report is expected on this as well at deadline 3 and 5 . Is it possible for parties to report on their individual negotiations and whether this has been happening and the clarification received back from Highways?

Deadline 2

- Receipt of all Written Representations and Statements of Common Ground.
 - Due to the work involved to provide written representations and to agree statements of common ground the NFU and Agents Association would like to request that this deadline is extended to 30th June 2015 on behalf of their members and clients.
- Issue specific hearings and open floor hearings
 - Please could we have further clarification on what issues will be covered at the issue specific hearings and what is actually likely to be heard at an open floor hearing?
 - Is it possible to put forward an issue that we would like to be heard at an issue specific hearing and will a detailed list be given of all the intended specific issues intended to be heard and the day on which they are intended to heard?

General

The NFU and the Agents Association is meeting with its barrister on the 6th May to discuss the principal issues highlighted and the draft timetable further. We would be grateful if it was possible to submit further queries or specific requests are this date but before the preliminary hearing.

We look forward to receiving further information on the above queries and request that the NFU would like to speak at the meeting on behalf of its members that will be affected by this A14 Improvement Scheme.

Many thanks in advance.

Yours faithfully

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