

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Examination

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2015, Third Compulsory Acquisition Hearing.

Re: Mr R and Mrs J Lenton and Robert Lenton Ltd.

Preliminary Statement

by

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1. On behalf of Mr R and Mrs J Lenton and Robert Lenton Ltd. Representations were made in advance of the March and June deadlines and the Highways England Response is at paras 54, 58 & 68 of HE/A14/EX/53.
2. The HE response suggests some confusion in particular that at para 54 which mixes the separate interests of Mr Robert Lenton as Tenant of Corpus Christi Farm and the interest of Robert Lenton Ltd as owner of Depden Farm at Godmanchester. Response 68 relates to Robert Lenton, Response 58 relates to Robert Lenton Ltd whilst Response 54 relates to Robert Lenton at 54.3 54.4 and Robert Lenton Ltd at 54.2.
3. The Panel visited Corpus Christi Farm on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July and Depden Farm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
4. A SOCG is in the process of being finalised.
5. There has been engagement with HE such that the principal issues relating to Corpus Christi Farm where Mr Robert Lenton is a Tenant of the Church Commissioners have been largely resolved with proposed changes to the DCO at HE/A14/EX/99 at DR 1.25 and DR 1.69 which are approved by Mr Lenton subject to approval by his Landlord the Church Commissioners.
6. In respect of Depden Farm there has also been engagement with a further proposed DCO change at DR 1.34 in order to meet the concerns of Robert Lenton Ltd to ensure access is provided to severed land south of the A14.
7. There remains 2 principal areas of concern namely:-
  - (i) The inappropriate designation of Plot 12/6c for soil storage in close proximity to the dwelling occupied by Mr and Mrs R Lenton and their family.
  - (ii) Ongoing uncertainty re that part of Plot 12/6a designated as a grassland/habitat use which includes existing landscaping by our client in anticipation of the A14 Scheme and the proximity of this area to existing buildings and the possible impact on access to the same.
8. These items remain unresolved. 7(ii) appears as not agreed in the draft SOCG whilst 7(i) currently appears as agreed but discussions are ongoing for this to be recorded as still under discussion.