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Dear Nicholas

After to speaking to you on Friday, the following is a list of issues we would like to raise at either the hearing on the 21st or 22nd October next week, as these are issues which have not been resolved. Since our submission to the ExA on 3rd September we have not received any information or had a meeting with Highways England to answer any of our issues raised. I have had an informal meeting with Geoff Dodson to go over the issues stated in the NFU SOCG.

Unresolved matters with the NFU/Agents Association

Borrow Pits –

- 1) Still challenging whether HE has a compelling case in the public interest for land to be acquired to create the borrow pits. No written information has been received from HE to qualify the need for the Borrow pits since we submitted our evidence at the hearing.
- 2) No facts and figures have been forth coming to qualify the amount of gravel, sand and clay required even though this has been requested.
- 3) The NFU would like confirmation from HE that they are talking to other organisations carrying out Infrastructure Schemes like HS2. As it is known that HS2 need to get rid of clay and at the present time are acquiring a farm a cover it in clay and calling it sustainable placement. The NFU sees no reason why this surplus clay could not be used for the A14 scheme.

Agricultural Access through Huntingdon –

- 4) It is not acceptable going forward for farmers to have to apply to CCC for a licence annually. There is too much risk to leave this to CCC discretion. The farm businesses needing a licence will change once the new road is built.

Habitat Area –

5) The NFU/Agents association are still waiting for written evidence as to why it is necessary for the scheme to create 271 ha of habitat. There is no compelling case.

NMUs and Rights of Way-

- 6) The NFU/Agents Association requests further information as to why the NMU from Fenstanton to Girton is essential. The creation of this and other footpaths and Bridleways are not going to help vehicles using the new road get from A to B. The NFU and Agents Association completely understand that all footpaths and bridleways dissected by the new road will need to be re connected.

Code of Construction –

- 7) It is becoming more apparent as the scheme progresses as to how important the wording in the Code of Construction is and that this wording is approved under the DCO.

Detailed Design Stage –

8) It is still not clear how the detailed design stage will be governed. The NFU /Agents Association are very concerned as to how many decisions are being left to the detailed design stage. We have had no direct response from HE as to why a mediator or expert would not be acceptable and there has been no alternative proposal coming forward from HE.

Communication/negotiation

9) The NFU/Agents Association wish to raise concerns over the lack of negotiation with landowners on the west of the scheme.

Site Visits

10) The Agents association is happy to invite the ExA to any of the borrow pit sites and flood compensation areas. This can easily be arranged.

We look forward to hearing from that we will be able to raise our concerns again at one of the hearings next week.

Many thanks

Kind regards

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