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Dear Sir,

I write in respect of the Testo's Junction Improvement Scheme and the Examiner's questions issued with the recent Rule 8 letter. Please find my responses below.

ExQ1.9.6

Mr Dennis Gilhespy is asked to confirm whether he is normally resident at what the ExA understands from its site inspection (US11) to be West House Farm farmhouse, a dwelling located on land adjacent to Bridleway B28 and noted on the Land Plans [AS-004] as 'yellow land' ([a]rea not included within the DCO boundary) but which would be surrounded by land on which works could take place if the DCO were to be made, and if so:

- *would he propose to be resident at West House Farm farmhouse during the proposed construction period; and if so*
- *is he content that the Applicant taken sufficient steps to mitigate the effects of the application proposal, maintaining acceptable standards of residential amenity at West House Farm farmhouse during the construction period; and*
- *will vehicular and pedestrian access to the dwelling be adequately provided for?*

I can confirm that I will be resident at West House Farm during the proposed construction period. The terms of my Agricultural Holding Act Tenancy state that the tenant must live in the farm house at West House Farm.

Highways England representatives have visited West House Farm on several occasions over recent years and I have attended public consultation events. I am broadly content with the scheme as proposed. It is important that the utility connections to West House Farm are suitably protected, including drainage pipes/tanks. My only other concern relates to dust generated by the works and the effect on my property, farm vehicles and equipment. The general working hours proposed should not affect me, although I would like to request advanced notice of any out of hours working.

I understand that access to the farm house and my other buildings will be maintained at all times, this is essential to the day to day working of my farm.

Mr Dennis Gilhespy is asked whether he carries on an agricultural or other business from West House Farm and if so:

- *briefly to describe the nature of the business carried out, the land and buildings used;*
- *say whether he is content that the Applicant has taken sufficient steps to mitigate the effects of the application proposal on the business;*

- say whether he makes any business-related use of the West House Farm Accommodation Bridge proposed to be demolished (ES paragraph 2.14.8 [APP-018]) and or of Bridleway B28 as a means of access; and if so
- say whether he is content that the Applicant taken sufficient steps to mitigate the effects of the application proposal on business use of the Accommodation Bridge and or Bridleway B28?

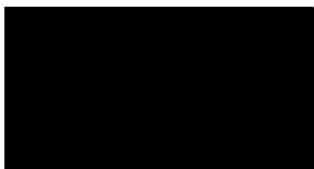
The land and buildings at West House Farm are used for the purposes of arable farming. I am also registered with VOSA, for one HGV which is used in connection with the farm business.

I have previously raised concerns regarding proposed features of the scheme which have since been removed or altered to my satisfaction. During the examination, I have raised two further concerns with Highways England relating to security during construction and the amount of retained land behind my buildings for the purposes of maintenance. I understand from my discussions with Highways England representatives that both these concerns will be addressed.

West House Farm Accommodation bridge has not been used in connection with farm business since the sale of the land to the east of the A19 in the late 1970s. The public right of way through the farm has caused issues in the past and its removal will benefit the farm in this respect, though as the access track will remain in place, it will be important to clearly sign the permanent closure of the public right of way.

I trust the responses above are clear and adequately answer the Examiner's questions.

Regards



D. Gilhespy

* I WOULD HOPE YOU WILL USE FIELD TO SOUTH OFF FARMHOUSE TO STORE SOIL AND NOT FIELD NORTH OF HOUSE AS SOIL STORAGE NORTH OF HOUSE WILL STOP VISION OF FARM BUILDINGS FROM HOUSE WHICH COULD CAUSE A LOT OF SECURITY PROBLEMS, HOPE YOU GIVE THIS A LOT OF THOUGHT

