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To: Colin Dunn

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Dear Sir

Planning Act 2008 (as amended)

Application by Suffolk County Council (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the Lake Lothing Third Crossing.

Further to your consultation letter of 7 October 2019.

In the event that a Development Consent Order be granted by the Secretary of State, DfT Estates would have no objection to the compulsory acquisition by Suffolk County Council of third party rights over the Crown land which is owned by the Secretary of State for Transport (plots 2-08, 2-10 2-12 and 2-25); however DfT Estates has not spoken to, nor sought the approval of those third parties. This approval is on the basis that DfT will be compensated for the diminution in value of any Crown land as a result of such acquisition of third party rights over Crown land. DfT Estates is also content to Suffolk County Council using the land and the airspace above it.

DfT Estates has no objection to the acquisition by Suffolk County Council of Crown land which is needed for the proposed third crossing provided that it is bought as if it were bought under the rules of Compulsory Purchase and that the Secretary of State is compensated by the acquiring council for the value of that land, for severance of land not taken, for material detriment to other land in the vicinity and for any disturbance and

accommodation works which are incurred by the Secretary of State including legal, surveyors and other fees relating thereto. Such acquisition to be for the purposes set out in the Development Consent Order (if granted).

Yours faithfully

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