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To: A303 Stonehenge
Subject: RESPONSE TO COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARING 9TH JUNE 2019 ON BEHALF OF MR.STEPHEN MOORE

Dear Sirs ,

On behalf of my client I would like to respond to the point made by Highways England during this hearing in connection with returning land to my client following deposition of the tunnel arisings.

The summary given by Highways England at the hearing was that it was not possible to return the land following deposition of the tunnel arisings to my client which is why compulsory acquisition is required. However this is in direct contrast to the draft position statement dated 20th June 2019 following a meeting on 6th June. The statement under Proposed Chalk Grassland and Highways England response is that

" its ability to reinstate the land (which is not required for the permanent construction of the Scheme) to its current arable use following the deposition of excavated material is not yet confirmed . As such, powers of compulsory acquisition are proposed on a contingent basis , to provide for a situation in which the private landowner required the Applicant to purchase the land ; however should the private landowner elect to retain the land in its changed condition following deposition of the excavated material c the Applicants powers of compulsory acquisition would not be implemented in respect of that land.

Therefore it appears from the statement given at the Compulsory Acquisition hearing that between the 20th June when the draft position statement was produced and 9th July Highways England have received advice that the land cannot be restored to either arable use or as proposed chalk grassland and it will not be returned in either condition to my client and will be compulsorily acquired .

Needless to say none of the above has been communicated to my client or myself as agent and therefore Highways England should be further examined on this point as Compulsorily acquisition of this land without contemplating returning this to my client is a fundamental change .

Yours faithfully

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