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 M25 Junction 28

Subject: Procedural Deadline B - Unaccompanied Site Inspection - Gardens of Peace - Plot 1/8

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 Attachments:
 M25 J28 LNP 2417 Freehold.pdf

209-Ground Surfacing Layout-20191114.pdf PREM518-GEN-0000-0012 Rev B.PDF PREM518-GEN-0000-0016 Rev A.PDF

Importance: High

Dear Sir / Madam,

Unaccompanied Site Inspection Gardens of Peace – Plot 1/8

Ahead of the deadline of Monday 21st December, please find below and attached relevant information, for the attention of the Inspector, ahead of the Inspectors unaccompanied inspection of sites affected by the M25 Junction 28 scheme.

Our client, the Trustees of Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery, owns Plot 1/8. We are instructed to request that our clients land is inspected and provide relevant information to aid the inspection. Plot 1/8 is subject to temporary possession with permanent rights and forms part of the cadent gas main route. Our client grants access for the purpose of the inspection. In the interest of security, access to the site remains locked, so we would be grateful if we could be informed of the anticipated time and date of the inspection so our client can ensure the access is unlocked in advance of the Inspectors arrival. There will be on one present during the inspection. Can I ask any email concerning the time and date of the inspection is emailed to myself and our client, Farouk Ismail

to ensure the email will not be missed in case one of us is on annual leave.

Our client, who is a charity (and therefore non-profit making), provides burials for the Muslim community. The site was acquired to provide a new burial site once its existing site reached full capacity. Planning for the intended use was granted in 2017. In light of the recent pandemic and a rise in mortality rates, our client, who was already time pressure to open the new burial, is now under significant pressure to ensure this is open on its targeted opening date of February 2022. Construction is due to start in the first half of 2021.

We provide the attached plans:

- "M25 J28 LNP....." Highways England plan outlining Plot 1/8
- "209-Ground Surfacing....." our clients proposed cemetery development
- "PREM518-GEN.....Rev B" Our clients proposed cemetery development with Plot 1/8 overlaid.
- "PREM518-GEN.....Rev A" Our proposed cemetery development with proposed Cadent works.

With the above in mind, we provide our concerns below, which we would like to be taken into consideration during the inspection.

- Development of the site is due to commence in the first half of 2021, with a targeted opening date of February 2022. It is anticipated the construction of the gas main will cause a delay to the opening date raising concerns that our client will not be able to meet the needs and demands of the Muslim community.
- 2. The location of gas main will directly impact a number of burial plots (As demonstrated on the attached plans) and therefore income generated by Gardens of Peace (being a charity) will be reduced.
- 3. Uncertainty of future land use restrictions It is to be assumed that the easement strip will be sterilised from its intended use (burials). Again, this has an impact on the number of future burial plots and income.
- 4. The approved layout of the cemetery site allows for public and service access to be independent from each other, ensuring the safety of visitors and staff by minimising overlaps

between the operations and movements. The construction of the gas main will require alternative means to maintain this separation including changes to the operating hours of the cemetery, impacting on visitor opening times and staff working hours. The area subject to the DCO will affect part of the cemetery main car park and a large section of the overspill car park.

- 5. As a result of the gas main location and the closure of the service entrance, the soil storage site for the cemetery will need to be relocated to near the public entrance (see third attachment), which will affect further burial plots and additional costs in terms of aesthetic appearance of the cemetery.
- 6. Even once the scheme is completed, there will be concerns regarding the time incurred in landscaping the site (assuming it will be sterilised) and the effect this may have on the rest of cemetery, which will be a fully function site.
- 7. There is ongoing concern regarding the deviation allowance of the gas main route within the DCO boundary which creates uncertainty until such time of construction of the gas main and thus in the meantime, hinders the development plans.
- 8. Finally, there is concern surrounding the definitive width of the gas main easement (i.e. the width of permanent rights) following construction and therefore there is uncertainty as to the area of sterilisation from the intended land use due to the presence of the gas main.

There has been limited engagement from the Acquiring Authority regarding the above matters, which causes our client concerns about the effects on its development and future land use restrictions.

I hope I have provided all the necessary information, however, should you require any additional information, then please do let me know.

Yours faithfully

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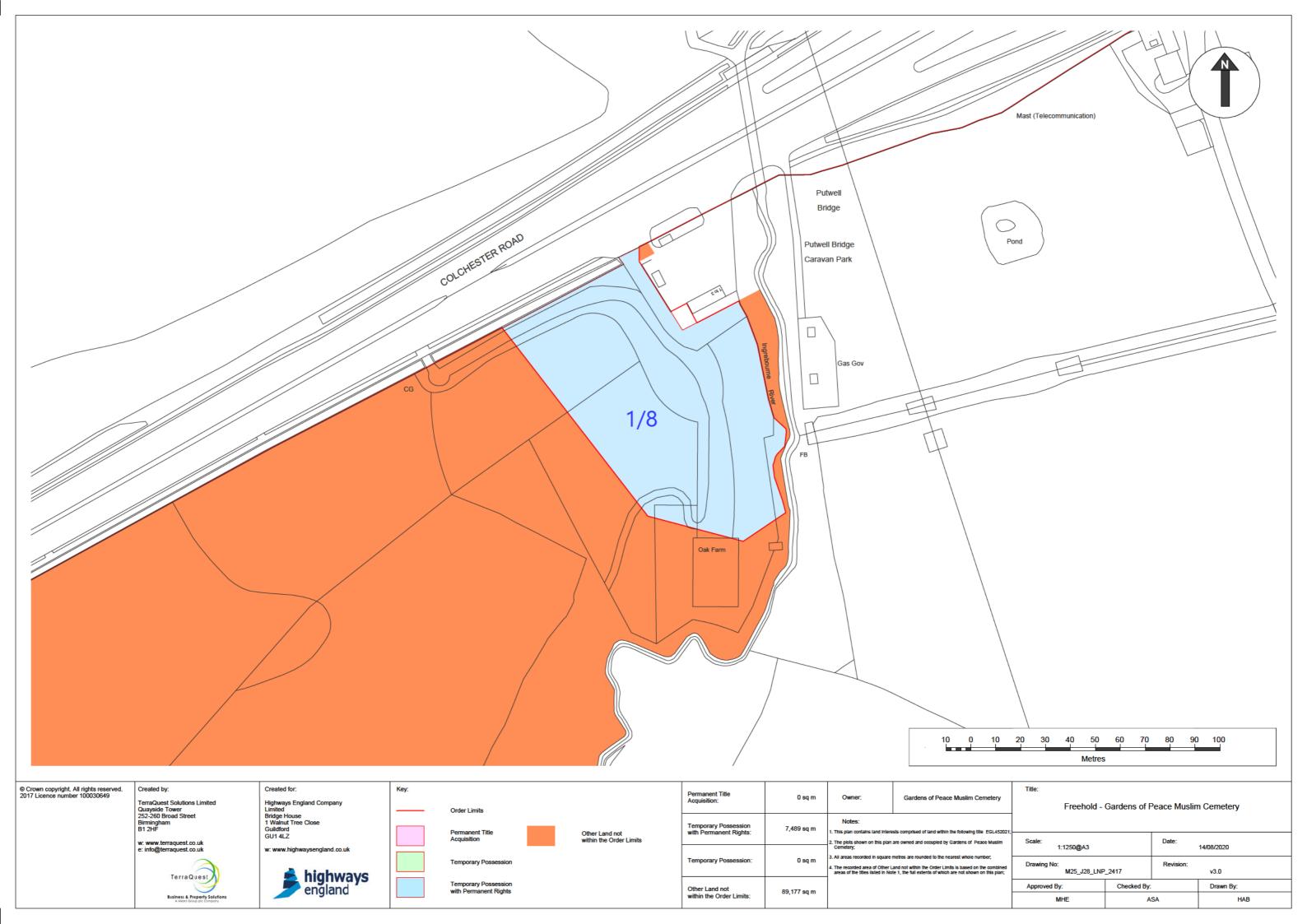
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