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Your ref: TR010029 - M25 junction 28 Improvements  
Date: 03.02.2021

**VIA EMAIL ONLY**

**To whom it may concern,**

**Re: TR010029 - M25 junction 28 Improvements written questions**

Thank you for your email from the 13<sup>th</sup> of January 2021 seeking the Forestry Commission's response to your examination questions. We would like to provide the Forestry Commission's responses:

**GQ1.11 - In its response to Procedural Deadline A [PDA-001], the Applicant provides an email dated 27 November 2020 in which it is stated that the Forestry Commission have no outstanding issues and has that there is no necessity to undertake a Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) with the Applicant.**

**i) Confirm this in writing.**

I confirm that we have no outstanding issues with this application, and that there is no need for a Statement of Common Ground with the applicant.

**ii) Set out whether Crown consent is to be given for the CA Freehold of land identified in the Land plans [APP-005].**

I have sent the details and maps to colleagues in Forestry England, who manage the Public Forest Estate. They do not believe that the DCO boundary overlaps with their land holdings, and that therefore there is no need for Crown consent for Compulsory Acquisition as there will be no loss of their land.

**CA1.17 - The BoR [AS-021] indicates that the Crown, administered by the Forestry Commission, holds interests in plots 4/5, 4/6 and 4/7. The PA2008 does not authorise CA for Crown land. The SoS can only authorise the CA of these plots with the consent of the relevant Crown authorities.**

**Set out whether, and if so when, Crown consent would be forthcoming.**

As above, Forestry England do not believe that they hold interest in these plots, and that therefore, Crown consent is not required.

Should the applicant or the Planning Inspectorate feel there may still be a requirement for CA consent, please could they send their enquiry to Forestry England, for the attention of Alex Brearley:

**Alex Brearley**  
Forest Management Director  
East Forest District  
**Forestry England**

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For all other enquiries, please note this application is being managed for the Forestry Commission by our south-east and London area team, and the address and email address at the top of this letter.

I hope this is of benefit. Please do get in touch if you would like further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely,

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