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20211029 - Submission to SoS from Gardens of Peace



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Dear Secretary of State,

Gardens of Peace Muslim Cemetery (Plot 1/8 & 1/8a) – Response to Secretary of State

The proposed tripartite agreement between National Highways, Cadent Gas Limited (“Cadent”) and the Gardens of Peace has not yet been completed but the parties remain in active discussion.

The way in which the gas diversion works will be carried out by Cadent in order to minimise any disruption to the operation of the cemetery as far as reasonably practicable has been resolved in principle and those arrangements are reflected on the attached plan. It is proposed to attach an updated version of the plan to the agreement (minor revisions are required for example issues relating to the temporary parking).

The proposed arrangements include a temporary car park for users of the cemetery until the gas diversion works have been done. Planning permission is needed for the temporary car park and this has now been applied for by National Highways. The application, which has been made to the London Borough of Havering, is due for decision by mid-December 2021. The form of licence to be given by Gardens of Peace to Cadent and National Highways for the temporary car park has been settled.

The parties have also revisited timings and it has been agreed that Cadent will not require access before 27 April 2022. The mitigation (early works) will be undertaken ahead of the gas diversion works.

Otherwise the work remaining to be done on the agreement is to determine the wording to be agreed on matters such as environmental liability, compliance with charities law if there is to be a voluntary disposition of rights by Gardens of Peace in Cadent’s favour and consideration for such disposition by way of easement, arrangements around timing and content of the schedule of condition of the works area prior to Cadent commencing works (and again when their works are completed) and certain other matters.

The parties are hopeful that the agreement will be settled within the next few weeks and they will provide the Secretary of State with such further update as he may request.

This response has been agreed by all three parties to the proposed agreement.

Yours sincerely



For and on behalf of Savills (UK) Limited

