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7<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Sirs,

**Response to Request for Comments dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020 on behalf of Mrs Agnes Patricia Engelen**

Site: [REDACTED]

Set out below is my client's response to the request for comments referred above.

Specifically in regards, to point 5 of the letter dated the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2020, my client would support the potential realignment of the proposed gas pipe through the Girl Guiding Greater London West (GGLW) land and her own site at Close Court Farm. My client has noted the points raised in the GGLW representation dated the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2019 with regard to moving the gas pipe North of the A3. My client agrees that both she and GGLW would be able to retain more trees if this was to prove a suitable alternative.

Also noted was the belated alternative suggestion to route the pipe through the camping field on the GGLW site, which would also reduce the number of trees that would be affected. As with GGLW, my client has not seen a plan to support an alternative route, though she would be interested to see any layout or proposal details for consideration, as she believes that this may also provide a more suitable alternative to the currently proposed alignment being considered as part of the DCO.

As noted in my client's email response dated the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020, she has not received details of the tree survey undertaken. The retention of trees adjoining the A3 has been raised with the acquiring authority in the past. My client planted the 3 rows of trees in the 1970's after an earlier acquisition for a previous phase of Highway improvement works. Subsequently she has enquired on several occasions as to which of the existing trees are likely to remain as part of the works being reviewed for the DCO.

The yet undetermined route of access from the A3 to Close Court Farm remains a significant concern. The alternative option, which would run parallel to the A3, is the preference, thus avoiding the need to cut through the wooded area of the Girls Guide site. If the alternative (adjoining the A3 option) is approved, then it would make further sense to consider rerouting the gas pipe, avoiding potentially unnecessary tree loss through the Guides Guide site and along part of my clients boundary.



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