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To:

Highways England

cc:  
Interested Parties

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Dear Sir/ Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 and The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010**

### **Application by Highways England (“the Applicant”) for an Order granting Development Consent for the A585 Windy Harbour to Skippool Improvement Scheme**

#### **REQUEST FOR COMMENTS FROM THE APPLICANT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES ON THE APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED A585 WINDY HARBOUR TO SKIPPOOL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

The Examining Authority submitted on 9 January 2020 a Report and Recommendation in respect of its findings on the above application to the Secretary of State for Transport (“the Secretary of State”). In accordance with section 107 of the Planning Act 2008, the Secretary of State has until 9 April 2020 to make a decision on the application.

The Secretary of State seeks further clarification and information from Highways England and others on the following matters:

#### **Issues arising regarding TP land in Schedule 7**

The Secretary of State notes REP2-041 and REP5-022 regarding the potential acquisition of permanent rights over land that is subject only to temporary possession. The Secretary of State also notes that the Applicant was in the process of communicating with all landowners where permanent rights may be required in relation to plots of land listed in Schedule 7. The Secretary of State therefore invites the Applicant to confirm whether the relevant landowners have now been identified and, if so, to explain what consultation has been undertaken with them. If the relevant landowners have been identified then the Secretary of State would request the applicants to provide details of the affected plots of land.

#### **Status of Discussions with United Utilities Group Plc**

The Secretary of State invites the Applicant and United Utilities Group Plc to provide an update on the status of their proposed Statement of Common Ground (REP2-053).

**The deadline for response is 28 February 2020**

Responses to the matter outlined in this letter should be submitted by email to [A585WindyHarbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk](mailto:A585WindyHarbourtoSkipool@planninginspectorate.gov.uk). Please send any hard copy response to the A585 Windy Harbour to Skipool Case Team, The Planning Inspectorate, Eagle Wing 3/18, Temple Quay House, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN.

If you will have difficulty in submitting a response by the consultation deadline, please inform the Project Team. Your response may be published on the project page for the A585 Windy Harbour to Skipool Scheme on the Planning Inspectorate website as soon as possible after the above deadline for response at: <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/projects/north-west/a585-windy-harbour-to-skipool-improvement-scheme/>

This letter is without prejudice to the Secretary of State's decision whether or not to grant development consent for the A585 Windy Harbour to Skipool Improvement Scheme and nothing in this letter is to be taken to imply what that decision might be.

Yours faithfully

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