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Highways England

Your Ref:

Our Ref: TR010036

Date: 07 March 2019

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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Planning Act 2008 (as amended) – Section 89**

### **The Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 17 and the Infrastructure Planning (Compulsory Acquisition) Regulations 2010 (the CA Regs)**

#### **Application by Highways England for an Order Granting Development Consent for the A303 Sparkford to Ilchester Dualling Project**

#### **Application for Additional Land and proposed changes to the original Application**

We are writing under Rule 17 of the Infrastructure Planning (Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) to request further information about the Additional Land Application submitted on 18 February 2019. In order to consider whether or not your change request may be accepted into the examination in relation to the above Application for Development Consent we require clarification in relation to the matters listed below by **Friday 8 March 2019** (Deadline 4).

#### Change Request

1. The Additional Land Application seeks to compulsorily acquire additional land and remove land from the submitted compulsory acquisition request. It does not include a request to add or remove works whereas the reasoning given appears to identify a change in the works. Please confirm whether it is also intended to request a change to the proposed works as well. Please ensure that all proposed additional works are included in the draft Development Consent Order and all proposed excluded works are similarly removed.
2. The letter refers to the extension of Plot 7/8b. This is shown on the submitted land plan as being acquired for temporary possession. However, your letter implies that the proposed change is to extend the

plot on a permanent basis. Could you please clarify whether the change is for permanent acquisition or temporary possession?

Book of Reference and further requests/clarification

3. ES Addendum Appendix B Figure A2.3, sheet 3 of 4 identifies an area as a site compound. This is shown in the General Arrangements Plan as grassland. Please clarify if this land is intended to be used as a construction compound.
4. Throughout 6.8 ES: Addendum Main Text, Figure A2.3 has been referenced, but the locations referred to are not shown on Figure A2.3 sheet 3 of 4. Can the applicant confirm whether Figure A2.3 should include additional sheets, or whether the reference is to a different plan? It is essential that the correct locations are identified in order to determine whether the assessments have been undertaken correctly.

At the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing it was confirmed that the updated Book of Reference would be submitted by Deadline 4 which should more clearly distinguish between the compulsory acquisition and temporary possession of rights or land for each plot. Given the above queries it is essential that these clarifications are received for the whole Book of Reference.

Yours sincerely

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**Lead Member of the Panel of Examining Inspectors**

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