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Dear Mr Harrold

I wrote to you on 16 June enclosing our relevant representation as provided for in the examination process. Please regard this email, together with our earlier representation and attachments, as comprising our written representation requested by the examining authority at deadline 1 of the examination.

Since submitting our relevant representation, Highways England has not engaged with us to discuss the concerns raised in our representation and the requests made of them.

Accordingly I am writing again to emphasise that the issues raised in the relevant representation are outstanding and should be addressed during the examination. Our concerns remain the same and we respectfully request that the examining authority gives them due consideration. We are seeking written confirmation that these concerns will be addressed and secured within the DCO application documents.

Additionally, HE's contractor has recently undertaken noise monitoring at [REDACTED] but we have been informed that the results will not be available until September and are unable to comment further at this time. We therefore wish to reserve our position to make further representations once we have been able to consider the monitoring data.

Yours sincerely

**Greg Whelan FCA**

**Deputy Chief Executive**



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**Subject:** Registration for project A47 North Tuddenham to Easton with the Planning Inspectorate

Dear Mr Harrold

Relevant representation registration identification number 20028224.

We are writing to provide a relevant representation in respect of the A47 extension. Although we have met with Highways England (HE) and received information from national Grid we wish to ensure that the safeguards we believe we have secured are embedded in your approved plan.

### **Background**

Childhood First is a children's charity who operated [REDACTED]. It is critical to their experience and recovery that they are cared for in tranquil and contained environments. All our homes are located in such places. Two of our homes are [REDACTED] is at the north end and adjacent to the construction area identified in the plans submitted by HE. [REDACTED] is a field (forming a triangle along [REDACTED]) Our principal concern has been about the use of this field in support of this project because of the impact it will have on the children in our care.

In the original plan, it seemed this field would be used for heavy plant and equipment which may operate throughout the project (many years). This would have had debilitating effect on the home and would have risked its Ofsted status.

### **Discussions with HE**

We made representations to HE in respect of this and explained in more detail about our concerns. They had been unaware of the nature and use of [REDACTED] and were sympathetic to the situation. They consequently agreed to modify the plan so it was clear that the field was not to be used during the construction of A47, thus dealing one key area of our concern. The revised plan appears to leave the field intact and without disruption during the construction period. We would like the Inspectorate to place necessary constraints to prevent any reversal of this undertaken. We attach the minutes of the meeting we had with HE in support of this.

A second aspect in relation the construction was the repositioning of the gas pipeline by the national grid (utility conversion work). This would result in a drilling station being set up in the field so the gas pipe could be re-sunk to traverse the new A47 road. We have had to accept this work needs to take place within this field on the understanding the way it is done creates the least noise disruption to the children. We had a second meeting with National Grid who explained the process to us. Again the National Grid were sympathetic to our concerns and agreed further undertakings to minimise the impact on the home on the children. This included

the timing of the key boring process. We enclose the minutes of this meeting for information.

### **Revised plans submitted to Inspectorate**

We note the latest plans that have been submitted. At this stage, we note that HE's 'Environmental Management Plan' includes the following commitment:-

In support of limiting and controlling noise during construction, the PC [Principal Contractor – Galliford Try] may use, inter alia, the following good working practices to minimise potential impacts:

Restrict construction working hours to 07:00-19:00 on weekdays and 07:00-19:00 on Saturdays as far as practicable. Night-time and weekend working hours to be determined in discussion with the LPA (including Section 61 prior consent applications where necessary)

- Temporary noise barriers at specific construction phases and receptors as detailed in Table 11.11 in Chapter 11 of the ES (TR010038/APP/6.1) and summarised below:
  - Stage 1 (Pre-construction works) - [REDACTED] [...]

We believe the commitment is fairly woolly and could be improved upon, e.g. by excluding or restricting Saturday working if residents will be in occupation and affected by the works. Looking at the points raised our the meeting notes, there may be further scope for minimising the impact of the utility diversion works on [REDACTED], for example a commitment that the mud mixer will be positioned so as to cause minimum inconvenience and to restrict sheet piling operations to certain times of day (e.g. avoiding early mornings and evenings).

As a general point we have had agreement that heavy plant and equipment is not be transported along [REDACTED] (the portion south of [REDACTED]) especially due the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] both our houses.

If there is any further information I can provide please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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