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Subject: RE: Registration for project A47 North Tuddenham to Easton with the Planning Inspectorate [BDB-BDB1.FID10680677]
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Dear Mr Harrold

Following my note to you of 27 August we have had a further meeting with HE (Glen Owen and his team) on 30 September.

At that meeting we raised three areas which needed further clarification. I include the responses we obtained at the meeting.

1. [The field north of \[REDACTED\] was not to be used for storing plant and equipment throughout the development.](#)

At the meeting HE confirmed this was correct and showed the following link as evidence.

Applicants Response to the Relevant Representations (see RR-016) = https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000544-9.2%20Applicants%20Response%20to%20the%20Relevant%20Representations_Redacted.pdf.

Glen further commented: "Please refer to the statement "That the field is not to be used,...". This needs to be read in the context that the commitment is to not use the field north of [REDACTED] as a proposed A47 works compound. As discussed, the compound would be used for storing plant and equipment for use anywhere on the Scheme and this would apply throughout construction. However, the field will be used for the National Grid Gas diversion, other utility diversion and footpath upgrade works. Having said that, the only plant/equipment present will be those needed for those specific works and the durations of those activities."

From the above we are happy to take HE assurance that the field will not be used except for re-routing the gas pipeline.

2. [We accepted that the field has to be used for national grid to re-route the gas pipeline and that this would take place in 2022 \(ahead of the main road development work.\) This will have the greatest impact on the home because of the noise and the 24/7 nature of boring when this happens.](#)

At the meeting HE provided the following link:

Environmental Management Plan = <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000202-7.4%20Environmental%20Management%20Plan.pdf> . They referred to Table 3.1, Action NV1, which states:

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] Berry Hall, Rosemary Cottage, Tanglewood Barn, 1 & 2 Berry Hall Cottages.

Glen further stated: "I confirm the National Grid Gas will need to align with our Environmental Management Plan commitments."

HE further confirmed they would use noise screening and a low noise generator. We were going to be provided with a customer liaison contact who we can contact if the situation becomes too intrusive.

On the basis of these assurances we expect the pipework to be completed without undue impact on the [REDACTED].

3. A further matter arose about the possible felling of trees in the tree line that forms the barrier with the field and [REDACTED]. This may affect the noise damping.

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HE referred to the following document

Draft Development Consent Order =
<https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/projects/TR010038/TR010038-000576-Highways%20England%20-%20Other-%20Amended%20DCO%20application%20document.pdf>

Glen further commented: "As you'll see defined on Page 6 and applied in Section 5(1) of Part 2, on page 9, the Development Consent Order (DCO) limits our powers to do work to within the "Order limits". These are the limits of land to be acquired permanently or used temporarily as shown on the land plans and works plans within which the authorised development may be carried out. As the [REDACTED] tree belt lies outside the Order Limits (DCO red line boundary), it confirms we will not have the powers within the DCO to remove those trees."

Based on the above we are happy to take HE assurances that no trees will be felled.

I believe it is helpful for you to know the outcomes of these discussions so you can decide whether there is anything further to cover. As an organisation we are not familiar with the planning process, as you and HE are; so we are relying on your experience and expertise to conclude whether we may rely on the above assurances so that nothing transpires during this project which will be inconsistent with our stated expectations.

Finally we were asked by HE to comment about the closure of Berry's Lane which would effectively stop through traffic accessing the A47. The absence of through traffic will make the roads much quieter which would make the environment safer for [REDACTED]

If anything is unclear please do not hesitate to contact me.

Your sincerely

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