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**Subject:** RE: A428 Blackcat DCO Questions - Brown & Co

Dear Sir/Madam,

Following the Part 1, preliminary meeting last week, we have listened to the comments made so far and wish to ask the following questions as it seems appropriate to raise these at this time:

1. We were involved in the A14 scheme for a number of clients and the inspectors accepted in support of their recommendation to the Development Consent Order (DCO) that Highways England (H.E) could defer matters to the detailed design stage, regrettably the detailed design stage did not happen on the A14 scheme. Will Highways England be relying on deferring these matters again and if so will the inspectors specify a date for detailed design to be completed by?
2. Will matters which are deferred in the context of Statements of Common Ground (SOCG), remain open ended as with the A14 scheme. The issue that arose related to the lack of any significant progress post inquiry and pre-scheme on outstanding matters. We felt that once the DCO was concluded there was little attempt to agree SOCG matters and hope that the inspectors are able to ensure these matters progress by way of regular updates on any outstanding SOCG matters.

Thank you for your time and I would be grateful if you could please acknowledge safe receipt of this e-mail.

Kind Regards

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