

Submission ID: 4169

We refer to the Relevant Representations made by Travelodge Hotels Ltd (Travelodge) on 9th June 2021.

Travelodge's position is substantially set out in the Relevant Representations. The Applicant has said in their view it will be reasonably necessary to extinguish the Travelodge hotel at Blackcat Roundabout.

Subsequent to the submission of the Relevant Representation, Travelodge has invited the Applicant to make a proposal to avoid the need for compulsory purchase. Travelodge awaits hearing in response to this invitation.

In the meantime the Applicant is seeking to rely on S.172 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 to undertake ground investigations over a significant area of Travelodge's car park. We invite the Applicant to instead seek to reach reasonable terms by agreement commensurate with the possession of land in commercial use. This would contribute to a constructive dialogue more likely to achieve progress than recourse at the first resort to applying compulsory powers.