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Dear Sirs,

We act for the Executors of N Alington, the owners of the Little Barford Estate. We refer to your letters and emails regarding the position on the bridge at Top Farm. An extract from the inspectorate letter of 22 June 2022 is set out below. We note that a response is required by 6 July.

6. Request for an update from the Applicant on the access bridge proposed over the A428 at Top Farm The Secretary of State notes that at the close of Examination, there was an agreement in principle between the Applicant and Bidwells, representing the executors of N A Alington Little Barford Estate, for an overbridge of sufficient width to enable safe clearance for 6m wide machinery [REP10-077]. The Secretary of State requests confirmation from the Applicant and Bidwells whether an agreement is now in place for this bridge. If no agreement has been reached, the parties are asked to provide an update of the current position

We have been in correspondence with National Highways regarding completion of a Position Statement. We have confirmed that the owner is in agreement to the wording set out in this paragraph. The widest farm machinery to utilise the bridge will be almost exactly 6m wide when mounted on tractors and therefore a width sufficient to enable safe crossing is needed. Some tolerance would be required between the guide/safety fencing and the machines, so a width slightly greater than 6m precisely would be needed. NH representatives have declined to agree this and have advised that it would not be possible to provide a bridge of the width described in the Inspectorates letter. We cannot see why that should be the case, the bridge is not of standard design so building in a small amount of extra width to provide the safe passage of equipment – and prevent damage to the bridge safety fencing- should be quite possible.

The owners request that the bridge is provided to the width set out in the Inspectorate letter.

Yours faithfully,

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Bidwells for and on behalf of the Execs of N A Alington

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