

6th July 2022

Fergus O'Dowd
Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Mr O'Dowd,

A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet Road Improvement Scheme – Request for comments from the Applicant, Anglian Water, National Grid Electricity, National Grid Gas and all Interested Parties.

We write on behalf of the Church Commissioners for England (the Commissioners) in connection with land it has an interest in, which will be impacted by the A428 improvement scheme. The land is located broadly between the settlements of Cambourne and Eltisle, as identified within our Written Representation submitted to the Examining Authority.

This correspondence relates to the Secretary of State's request dated 22nd June 2022, for comments from the Applicant, Anglian Water, National Grid Electricity, National Grid Gas and all Interested Parties. On behalf of the Commissioners as an Interested Party, Charles Russell Speechlys (solicitors for the Commissioners) has advised as below.

Following National Highways response to the Secretary of State's consultation letter dated 31 May 2022, the transfer document, lease agreement in relation to the borrow pit, licence for temporary possession of land and the option agreement are close to being agreed between the Commissioners and National Highways. However, the Commissioners' solicitors have recently been informed that National Highway's instructed solicitors are no longer acting in relation to the negotiations. The Commissioners trust that National Highway's legal representation will be appointed / continued shortly (and understand from National Highways that a decision is hoped to be received this week). In the meantime, the Commissioners respectfully request that the Secretary of State makes it clear that National Highways should continue to use every effort to complete the outstanding agreements.

If you would like to discuss any aspect, please do not hesitate to contact my colleague, Nolan Tucker

Yours sincerely

Deloitte LLP