

National Infrastructure Planning
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Our Ref: BTC00
Your Ref:
Date: 12th March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam

**DEADLINE 4 – APPLICATION BY HIGHWAYS ENGLAND FOR A DCO FOR THE A1 IN
NORTHUMBERLAND – MORPETH – ELLINGHAM
WRITTEN SUMMARY OF ORAL SUBMISSION**

I write in regards to the above and Deadline 4 and on behalf of Messrs Beal of Charlton Mires Farm.

We wish to submit the following summary in support of a brief oral submission. We reserve our position in regards to the points set out below whilst negotiations with Highways England are in progress.

The summary of our oral submissions are as follows:

1. We wish to point out that Charlton Mires Farmhouse is occupied by Mr & MRs Beal ██████████ who have lived in the farmhouse since ██████████ lives at ██████████s which is a ██████████ ██████████ the west side of the A1. When Charlton Mires Farmhouse is taken, there is currently no alternative accommodation for Mr & Mrs Beal ██████████ ██████████ ██████████. The upheaval and moving to a new house is going to be significant and given their age, will require appropriate timing.
2. The proposed scheme will require the demolition of the entirety of the existing farm yard used to house livestock, machinery and farm produce. There are no other buildings available on the farm and once they have been taken as part of the scheme, there will be no storage or animal welfare housing available. Unless appropriate alternative accommodation can be sought on the farm, my clients will be forced in to selling their livestock as there will be no accommodation and handling facilities for welfare purposes, and so will be left with no other alternative but to sell their livestock.
3. The proposed option chosen by Highways England for the siting of the flyover, causes a significant land take in comparison to the size of the holding, which will impact on the future viability of the farm as well as a significant severance to the farm unit. A few of the other options would have resulted in significantly less disturbance and loss to Charlton Mires farm.
4. There land take will also result in the complete loss of the airstrip for which planning was granted for unlimited and unrestricted use. There will not be enough land left after the scheme for an alternative site to be chosen and so this will result in the complete loss of this airstrip.

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5. The scheme will have a significant long term impact on the Beal family and the farm business operation. We appreciate that discussions are on-going with Highways England to alleviate some of these concerns and reach agreement in regards to the Blight Notice served.

Yours faithfully



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