

**A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING SCHEME (THE “PROJECT”)
UPDATE IN ADVANCE OF COMPULSORY ACQUISITION HEARINGS
TAKING PLACE ON 1&3 MARCH 2023
POSITION STATEMENT ON BEHALF OF LEGAL & GENERAL INVESTMENT
MANAGEMENT LIMITED
INTERESTED PARTY REFERENCE: 20033134**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 Legal & General Investment Management (“L&G”) is an Interested Party (reference **20033134**) for the purpose of the Examination of the A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme (the “DCO”).
- 1.2 L&G is the freehold owner of Eastways Industrial Estate, Witham CM8 3YQ (title number EX485441) (the “Estate”), which is located in close vicinity of the Project works to Junction 22.
- 1.3 CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP is acting on L&G’s behalf.
- 1.4 The background and the detail of L&G’s position is set out more fully in the previous submissions made to the Examining Authority.
- 1.5 The purpose of this submission is to provide an update to the Examining Authority in respect of L&G’s position and to confirm that L&G will not be attending the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on 1 and 3 March 2023.

2. COMPULSORY ACQUISITION – UPDATE

- 2.1 The Promoter’s Book of Reference [TR010060/APP/4.3] identifies that the Promoter is proposing both permanent acquisition (plot references 10/12a and 10/12b) and temporary use of land (plot references 10/12c, 10/12d and 10/12 e) and rights within the Estate. The Promoter is also carrying out works on land which is immediately adjacent to the Estate and these works will have an impact on the use of the Estate.
- 2.2 L&G and the Promoter have been actively engaged in negotiations regarding how these proposals can be managed outside the DCO process in order to minimise the impact on L&G’s tenants and its operations on the Estate.
- 2.3 L&G is scheduled to speak at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearings on 1 and 3 March 2023 (“CAHs”) under Item 11 in the agenda published on 27 February 2023.
- 2.4 The parties have made good progress towards reaching agreement and we consider that the substantive terms are agreed in principle. In light of this, and in the interest of saving Examination time, L&G is not proposing to attend the CAHs unless the Examining Authority directs otherwise.
- 2.5 L&G will continue to participate in the Examination and reserves the right to make further submissions and objections in respect of the DCO scheme should final agreement not be reached with the Promoter.
- 2.6 L&G will provide the Examining Authority with a further update at Deadline 3 on 9 March 2023.

CMS CAMERON MCKENNA NABARRO OLSWANG LLP

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