

Comments on Deadline 5 Applicants responses

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At the meeting of 27th April 2023 Mr Gorst asked the District Valuer the status of our compulsory acquisition claim. The district valuer stated that our application had been green lighted and negotiations were imminent, as shown on the Status of Negotiations Compulsory Acquisition Schedule REP4-065.

However, on Document REP5-019 published on 10th May the status has now been revised to a red light and the process has not moved forward since 27th April 2023.

We are not aware of any issues which would have caused this change in status and thus we do not understand why this has happened. An enquiry was made to a helpful member of the Inspectorate staff who stated that this might have been caused by comments made by Highways to the Inspectorate regarding an objection by the residents of Wishing Well Farm stating that they are refusing to move.

This is totally incorrect and misleading, we have been trying to get Highways to agree to our blighted situation over the past three years, as can be proved by numerous emails and attendance at meetings with Highways.

It is seriously concerning that due to past actions by Highways/Coastains within the vicinity of Wishing Well Farm and the trauma and anxiety caused by them that the residents desperate need to move has now been further delayed by the above, resulting in repeated mental harm caused by the pressure this is putting on the residents financial position and their need to find a suitable replacement property which would give them the seclusion they currently enjoy, and where they can run their businesses without any interference

Highways are fully aware of the protected characteristics of the residents of Wishing Well Farm and the need for clear, and concise communications to alleviate anxiety which unfortunately has not been evident throughout this process.