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**A12 CHELMSFORD TO A120 WIDENING SCHEME – TR010060
DEADLINE 6 SUBMISSION – RESPONSE TO EXQ3 Q3.5.6
ROYAL LONDON UK REAL ESTATE FUND AND EDMUNDSON ELECTRICAL LIMITED
12 JUNE 2023**

1. This submission is made by Pinsent Masons LLP on behalf of its clients Royal London UK Real Estate Fund (**Royal London**) and Edmundson Electrical Limited (**EEL**) in response to Q3.5.6 of the Examining Authority's written questions and requests for information (ExQ3), issued on 22 May 2023.
2. A meeting between our clients and Cadent Gas Limited, as discussed at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 on 27 April 2023, has not yet taken place. We have been in contact with National Highways (the **Applicant**) and requested an update on the position but are awaiting a substantive response. Our clients remain keen to have discussions with Cadent Gas Limited as soon as possible. As the Applicant has identified previously, it will be Cadent who will be carrying out the gas diversion works and require the access and rights to our clients' land interests. As such, it is Cadent Gas Limited who need to confirm and respond to a number of the questions we have raised, including whether the proposed access is sufficient and suitable for the works intended.
3. In addition, Royal London considers that the same dialogue is required with UK Power Networks (Operations) Limited (**UKPN**). This is due to the likely role UKPN will play in undertaking Work No.U2A, relating to the diversion of an overhead electricity cable on plot number 1/10c, as provided for under article 12(5)(e) of the draft DCO [**REP5-004**]. Royal London would welcome the Applicant facilitating this discussion. There has to date been little information and discussion on the overhead electricity cable diversion but given the Applicant's responses to previous questions raised in relation to the gas diversion works, it is clear that the two elements of works need to be properly co-ordinated and considered.