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Reference the Applicant's response to the Secretary of State's consultation 20th November, entry 5 (PDF, 165 KB) page 7 - Ron Ellison [sic], the Trustees of the charity wish me to respond as follows:

The Trustees of Hatfield Peverel Feoffees (formerly The Hatfield Charities otherwise the Charities of Sir Edward Alleyne and others), which is the registered titleholder of the 'Island' site that includes plot 6/14b, fail to recognise the claim of the Applicant to be "continuing to liaise with the relevant landowner". According to retained records of the charity, the last direct contact from the Applicant was their letter to the Trustees dated 13/05/2022 which invited the opening of discussions with their appointed valuer (The District Valuer).

The charity's appointed representative, Lambert Smith Hampton, has subsequently held discussions in June 2023 with the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) with a view to acquisition of the charity's land by agreement. These discussions have basically been productive but the VOA apparently awaits instruction from the Applicant regarding the charity's request for the entire 'Island' site, including plot 6/14b, to be covered by the Compulsory Purchase Order.

The Trustees remain of the view their request is not unreasonable, given the existing proposals of the Applicant would leave the charity with the ownership and responsibility for a much diminished remnant plot, surrounded by National Highways' land, that would no longer hold any value to the charity, as compared to the current 'Island' site in its entirety.

It is apparent from the Applicant's response dated 24th November 2023 it fails to appreciate the difficulties the currently proposed CPO creates for the charity and, for this reason, the Trustees of Hatfield Peverel Feoffees are left with little option but to press the Secretary of State to issue a Statutory Notice to ensure the Applicant acquires the entire 'Island' site and the charity is not left with a valueless remnant. This would enable discussions for an amicable valuation process to proceed to a conclusion.

Ron Elliston - Secretary to Hatfield Peverel Feoffees