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Dear Secretary of State for Transport

**A12 Chelmsford to A120 Widening Scheme (the Project)  
DCO Application  
Secretary of State's Request for Information dated 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

We are writing to provide an update in relation to the position with the objection of Cadent Gas Limited.

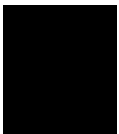
The Applicant's understanding is that most matters are agreed between the parties, although there remain a few issues in respect of which agreement is not likely to be reached and which are points of principle for the Applicant.

The Applicant's position is that Cadent is adequately protected by the protective provisions in the latest version of the dDCO dated 1 December 2023, which are in a form considered acceptable by Cadent and the Secretary of State in a number of recent orders, including the A47 Blofield to Burlingham DCO, the A47-A11 Thickthorn Junction, the M25 Junction 28 Improvements DCO and the M42 Junction 6 Improvements DCO.

We do not, therefore, consider that there is any impediment to the Secretary of State proceeding to make the dDCO in the form dated 1 December 2023.

If you have any further comments or queries, I can be contacted by email at [A12chelmsfordA120wide@nationalhighways.co.uk](mailto:A12chelmsfordA120wide@nationalhighways.co.uk)

Yours sincerely



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