

TRUSTEES OF THE WINDERWATH SETTLED ESTATE SUMMARY OF RELEVANT REPRESENTATIONS

1. The Trustees of the Winderwath 1989 Settlement Trust (“the Representors”) are the owners of 2,750 acres of agricultural land and woodland within Scheme 03.
2. The Representors do not object to the principle of the Project but make the following representations.
3. **Lack of proper pre-application consultation:** The Representors say that the pre-application consultations resulted in little progress since the second statutory consultation in March 2022.
4. **Environmental Mitigation:** Land proposed is excessive in area and should not be taken for environmental mitigation as the land is grade 2 agricultural land.
5. If contrary to the above land is required for mitigation, then the Representors have presented a hierarchy of alternative areas that could be used including ‘Adrians Wood; other land north of the A66 or other areas of planting on poorer land.
6. **Access and additional Public Rights of Way (“PROWs”):** The Representors object to the imposition of additional PROWs but if imposed then for safety and practical reasons these should be separated from any private means of access. Routes should also be straight and as close to the highway as possible.
7. **Attenuation ponds:** There are numerous Attenuations ponds shown on the design which should be rationalised as should parking areas and rights of access.
8. **Layby locations:** The Representors object to the proposed location of laybys being inappropriately located relative to nearby Estate residential property.

9. **Compulsory acquisition restraints:** The Representors will rely on the guidance in *Compulsory purchase process and the Crichel Down Rules* (updated July 2019), which states ‘there must be a compelling case in the public interest’ for acquisition.

10. Where rights can be granted in place of permanent acquisition, there are powers in the Planning Act 2008 to take rights.