

**Post Hearing Submissions on the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project**

**Submitted on Behalf of the Bowes and Romaldkirk Charity Estates including  
Hutchinson Endowed School Charity**

**14<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 We are instructed to submissions on behalf of the Bowes and Romaldkirk Charity Estates.
- 1.2 We have previously submitted on behalf of the Charity Estates written submissions for deadlines 1,2 and 3. We do not propose to repeat those representations, but would stress that the issues raised remain unresolved.

**2. Post Hearing Submissions**

- 2.1 Further to the Compulsory Acquisition 2 (CAH2), and Issue Specific Hearing 3 (ISH3) held on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023, please find below a post hearing submission on points raised and/or queries arising from the hearings.

2.2 General Commentary

- 2.2.1 We have raised through this process substantial concerns as to the lack of detail provided by the Applicant and/or certainty on their part as to the intended design, acquisition areas, future land management, and also the lack of any meaningful attempt to negotiate terms with Landowners & Occupiers.

2.2.2 We note that similar concerns have been raised not only by other Agents but also organisations such as the NFU, Statutory Bodies, and Local Authorities.

2.2.3 The ExA's frustration at the Applicant's lack of progress in reaching agreement with Statutory Bodies was also noted during the hearings, and this must also in part be explained by the paucity of information provided by the Applicant.

2.2.4 We would respectfully ask the ExA to consider at what point these repeated failures on the part of the Applicant (to the continuing detriment of our Clients) compromise the Application to a degree that the timetable should be revisited, or the application withdrawn.

### 2.3 Flood Storage

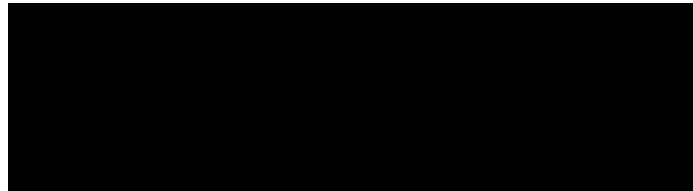
2.3.1 Flood storage is identified for plots 07-02-101; 07-02-106; 07-03-01; 07-03-02 on land owned by the Bowes and Romaldkirk Charity Estates.

2.3.2 We await from the Applicant further details as to how these areas will be designed, and whether they can remain in agricultural production in some way.

2.3.3 Our request for further information and engagement in respect of field drainage is also reiterated. It is imperative that there is a proper scheme in place to ensure that agricultural drainage is not compromised by the scheme.

### **3. Conclusion**

- 3.1 In conclusion, following CAH2 and ISH3 the lack of detail provided by the Applicant remains of concern, and is clearly impacting the scheme on a wide basis. There also remains a lack of substantive efforts to negotiate on the part of the Applicant.
- 3.2 ISH3 raised queries in respect of flood storage and further detail is needed from the Applicant in regard to this and also field drainage.



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