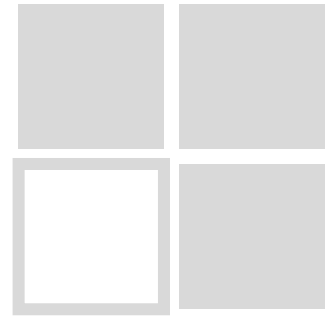
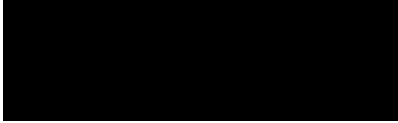


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**Additional Submission on behalf of the Brough Hill Fair
Community Association and the Gypsy and Traveller Community
Relating to the Relocation of the Brough Hill Fair, 26 May 2023**

1. We would be very grateful if the Examining Authority would agree to accept this late submission.
2. This further submission builds on our submission, 'A Request to the Examining Authority, 24 April 2023'. We are concerned that the window is closing for the Examining Authority to find that relocation of the Fair onto the Bivvy Site is unacceptable, and to require National Highways to develop and appraise reasonable alternatives, including sites which would need to be compulsorily purchased.
3. There is a possible solution. Although Document 7.32 indicates that five options were considered for the relocation of the Fair, the Brough Hill Fair Community Association and Gypsy and Traveller community were only consulted on Options 1 and 2, neither of which were acceptable to them. We recognise there are difficulties with the appropriateness and deliverability of Option 5, the Heron family proposal. Its proximity to East Field Farm suggests the health and safety issues with the Bivvy site, would equally apply to Option 5.
4. On the basis that parts were within Flood Risk Zone 3, at risk of surface water flooding and required for flood compensation and wetland areas the Community Association and Gypsy and Traveller community were never consulted on Options 3 and 4. Without knowing exactly what is proposed, and the scope for amending the detailed proposals, rejecting the potential of Options 3 and 4 may not be justified.
5. Land at risk of flooding is not under water or with the water table close to the surface all the time, but acts as a reserve of land for water storage in more extreme weather events. While permanent development is not appropriate, the land can often be used for other purposes like grazing and surface parking much of the time.
6. This equally applies to fairs, which often function on land, which has been left undeveloped precisely because of the risk of flooding. To take just one example, Midsummer Common is an area of meadow adjacent

to Cambridge city centre, nearly all of it in Flood Risk Zone 3. At various times of the year, it is used for Midsummer Fair, Strawberry Fair, the start and finish of the Cambridge half-marathon, circuses, and, close to November 5, a major fireworks display. None of these can take place if the land is flooded.

7. This may offer a way forward to break the deadlock over relocating the Fair. The Fair only requires access to the land for 10 days a year, the four days of the fair and three days either side. If this land can provide a good quality Fair site the Brough Hill Fair Community Association accepts that some years the land might not be available because of flooding.
8. Both sites are within the Order Limits. While the Option 3 site is owned by the MoD and as a consequence could not be acquired compulsorily, but only by agreement, the Option 4 site is privately owned and hence through the Development Consent Order National Highways would have the powers to acquire it.
9. To conclude, in addition to finding that relocation of the Brough Hill Fair onto the Bivvy Site is unacceptable and requiring National Highways to develop and appraise reasonable alternatives, including sites which would need to be compulsorily purchased, we would invite the Examining Authority to instruct National Highways to work with us as a matter of urgency to review the proposals for Site Options 3 and 4 with the objective of developing proposals which will deliver the twin objectives of flood mitigation and allowing the Fair to access the land for 10 days a year.
10. We would ask National Highways to commence working with us to review the proposals for Options 3 and 4 as a matter of urgency.