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Dear Sir

**PLANNING ACT 2008
THE INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING EXAMINATION PROCEDURE RULES
A66 NORTHERN TRANS-PENNINE PROJECT DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER**

I refer to your letter dated 11 August 2023 relating to the above and addressed amongst others, to our clients, Dr Antony Richard Leeming and Lady Elizabeth Mary Cecilia Leeming, the Affected Persons, with a request for an update on the current state of discussions between the Applicant, National Highways and our clients.

Our client's position remains as set out in their Deadline 9 submission to the ExA dated 25 May 2023.

Following your letter, a further meeting has taken place, between ourselves, our client and National Highways, on 21 August 2023. At that meeting we reiterated that our clients are not satisfied that National Highways have justified in specific terms a requirement for the area of land referenced Plot 0102-01-34 in the Draft Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) for Environmental Mitigation or that there are compelling reasons for the land to be acquired compulsorily.

Our clients have previously been provided with a plan, copy attached, showing areas of land outlined in pink of woodland which the Applicant maintains will be lost as a consequence of the Scheme. Shown hatched on the plan in black, are areas of woodland which we maintain will not be felled or indeed affected by the works and in some of these areas, this is acknowledged by the Applicant to be the case.

The Applicant has been asked to provide a detailed schedule showing the areas of woodland which are likely to be cleared as a consequence of the Scheme; at no stage has this been provided, either electronically or in hard copy.

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The referenced Plot 0102-01-34 in the draft CPO, forms part of 18th century park land pertinent to the Listed house at Skirsgill Park, as indicated on the attached plan. Our client's maintain that there must be a compelling reason to take Heritage Land for woodland planting, even if it can be shown that land is required in mitigation. We believe the ExA had some sympathy with that view which was supported by the LUC landscape consultant's report submitted at Deadline 2.

We would wish to make it clear to the Secretary of State that our clients fully support the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project in principle. They have made it clear to the Applicant that if it can show satisfactorily the specific areas of woodland to be affected by the scheme requiring mitigation, they are willing to offer other land they own outside the draft project scheme in alternative.

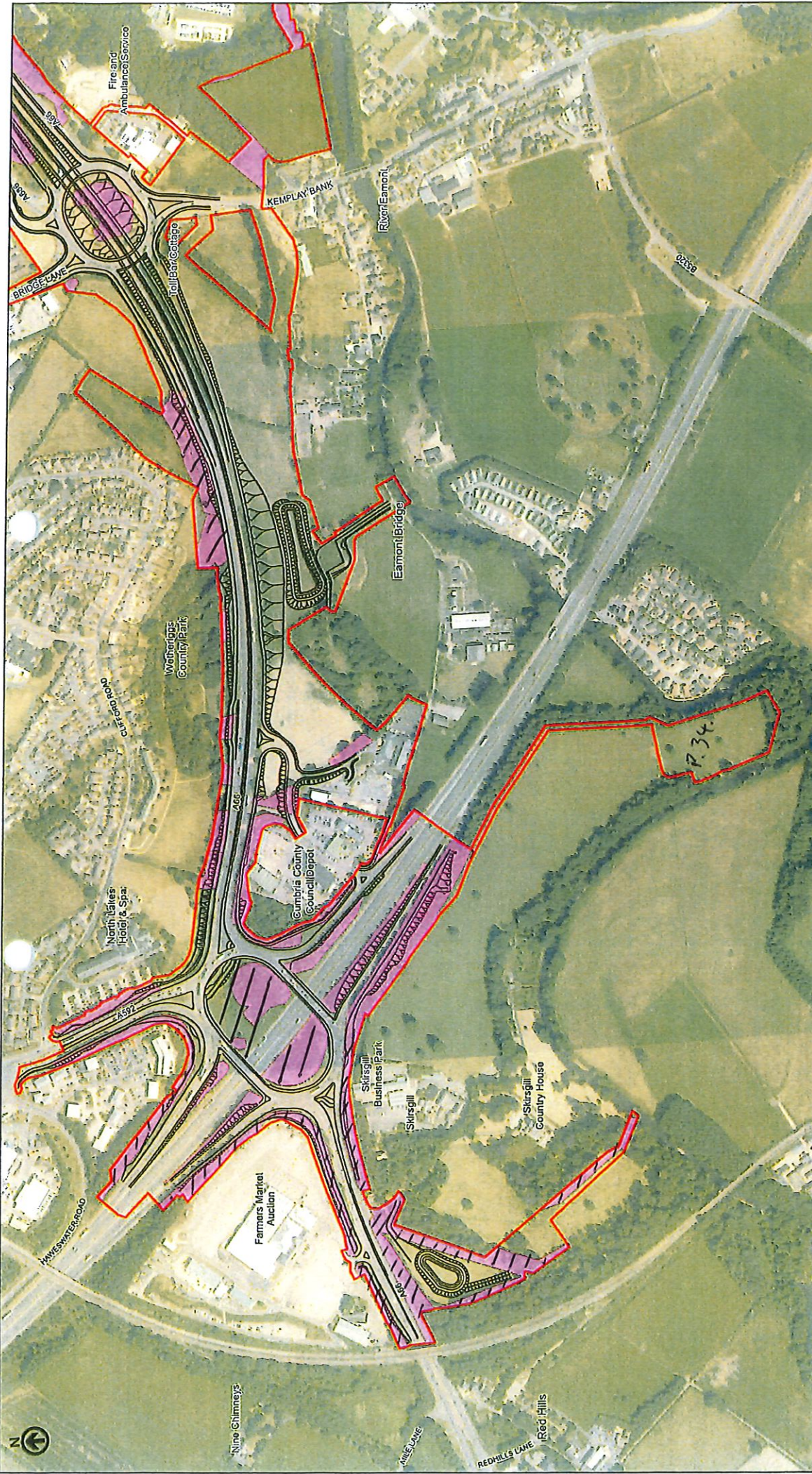
The Applicant has now agreed to provide a further detailed information of projected woodland loss and we hope that a final position statement can be submitted to you no later than 25 September 2023.

Yours faithfully




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(As Agent to the Affected Persons)

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A66 Northern Trans-Pennine Project

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Woodland Lost - Scheme 0102

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