

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2 (CAH2)

Tuesday 3rd December 2024

Written version of John Miller's oral submission to the hearing.

John Miller, affected person (AP), Interested Party reference A46N-AFP036

Farndon East & West Flood Compensation Area (FCA)

Land Plan Regulation 5 (2) (i) Sheet 2 of 7, parcel numbers 1/19a, 1/19b, 2/1a

Parcels to be permanently acquired and an offer was received from the applicant on the 25/09/2024. Since then, we have commissioned a report on mineral value and a Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) opportunities report to establish our position on compensation value. We will be reporting back to the applicant in due course and hope to have reached a resolution before the end of the Examination Period.

We were exploring the possibility to have some of the land permanently acquired and some to be temporary acquired with an environmental management plan in place, so that we could access the new market of BNG and provide another revenue stream to the Business. Now that we have had confirmation that the S253 would be for 99 years I am happy for the land to be permanently acquired by the applicant. In due course I will withdraw my objection to compulsory acquisition once the level of compensation is agreed with the applicant.

If the land parcels are to be permanently acquired, then we will still need access to our fishing rights on the river and access to our retained piece of land in this block. The applicant has noted these concerns and are part of our negotiations.

As I mentioned during the CAH1, I was concerned about the future viability of the farming business if we were to lose such a large proportion of the holding. I can confirm that I intend to reinvest the compensation received in other blocks of land to maintain the viability of the business.