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Your ref: TR040011
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Dear Sir/Madam

METROWEST PHASE 1 DEVELOPMENT CONSENT ORDER EXAMINATION DEADLINE 1

Environment Agency Ref: 20025331

Please find hereunder responses in respect of issues relevant to the Environment Agency:

- **Notification of wish to speak at Compulsory Acquisition Hearing (CAH).**

The Environment Agency's Relevant Representation (RR – 013) advised in respect of the Agency's leasehold land and other land interests in the vicinity of the proposed route.

Discussions are ongoing in respect of how each of the parcels of land, where the Agency is in occupation, or has an interest, will potentially be affected by the proposal and whether any impact will be on a temporary or permanent basis. Whether it is permanent or temporary, the Environment Agency will need to ensure suitable arrangements are in place, to enable it to continue to work operationally from the areas of land in question.

It is deemed essential to ensure that, if the proposal will affect any of the Agency's leaseholds or other land interests, it does not put the Agency in breach of any of its obligations, under agreements associated with any land affected.

There is currently a degree of uncertainty regarding the applicant's intentions in respect of land identified by the Agency as pertinent to its interests. Therefore, until such time as the applicant's intentions and any potential operational and legal implications have been established, the Agency must, as a precautionary measure, reserve the right to make representations, either verbally or in writing, on the issue of compulsory acquisition.

- **Notification by Statutory Parties of their wish to be considered as an Interested Party (IP) by the ExA**

The Environment Agency is registered as an Interested Party.

- **Notification of wish to have future correspondence received electronically**

The Environment Agency must request all correspondence is forwarded electronically.

Yours faithfully

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