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Dear Lily,

Further to our discussion earlier today, there are some points in the most recent letter from the Secretary of State (dated 13th August) on which the Applicant requests clarification.

In respect of item 3 in the letter – Trinity Footbridge (Work No. 7) – the Applicant notes the Secretary of State is minded to remove the footbridge from the Order and requests updates to the plans listed to reflect removal of the footbridge. Does the Secretary of State require the removal of Work 7 only from those plans? Alternatively, does the Secretary of State require those plans to be updated to also include the consequential changes arising from the removal of Work 7? For example, the extent and alignment of footpaths serving the footbridge will inevitably require alteration.

The Applicant will of course provide updated drawings as required by the Secretary of State, though it is unlikely the Applicant will be able to provide the fully updated plans including consequential changes by the 27th August deadline. Such changes will require a full design review to ensure a coherent alternative for this part of the scheme is presented to the Secretary of State and, should he be minded to grant development consent, taken forward into the Order. You will be aware from the Applicant's correspondence of 21st July and 9th August that the Applicant has offered to submit final updated documents by 20th September. Would the Secretary of State accept this as a deadline for receipt of the fully updated plans including consequential changes, if required?

The Applicant also notes the Secretary of State's request for an update to the Book of Reference in light of numerous anomalies. It would assist the Applicant to understand the nature of the anomalies identified, if further information could be provided please? The Applicant will endeavour to provide an updated Book of Reference by 27th August. However, some elements of a robust and full title refresh, including requests for information from landowners, will not be achievable by that deadline. If the Secretary of State considers it necessary, when would be a suitable point for the Applicant to provide a full and final update to the Book of Reference? As above, the Applicant has suggested 20th September as a suitable point for final submissions.

Thank you again for your assistance and I hope in raising these queries it will ultimately allow the Applicant to provide everything the Secretary of State requires to consider the application.

Kind regards

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