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Kate

We refer to the forthcoming Preliminary Meeting, arranged for 9 October 2018, and look forward to participating in the discussion on the programme, and other procedural aspects of the forthcoming Examination, at that meeting.

In this context however, we note that the identical representations submitted on behalf of Gazeley and Ashfield Land suggest a particular way forward as regards the conduct of the Examination, in light of their apparent intention to submit an application for a Development Consent Order of their own.

To the extent that the Examining Authority consider it necessary to do so, the course suggested by Gazeley and Ashfield Land can be discussed at the Preliminary Meeting, however, in advance of the meeting, we would ask the Examining Authority to note that we think the process which they suggest, in section 5 of their representations, is neither necessary nor appropriate. We therefore disagree with their proposal and thought it might be helpful for the Examining Authority to be aware of that in advance of the issuing of the rule 6 letter.

Kind regards

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