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12th April 2023

Mr A Parmee

Dear Mr Parmee

## The Network Rail (Cambridge Re-Signalling) Order

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As you are aware, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for the above-mentioned Order.

The draft Order provides for the compulsory purchase of the land and/or rights and extinguishment of the rights in land described in the Schedules to the draft Order, in which you have an interest.

The Secretary of State for Transport has considered the application for the Order and decided to hold a Public Inquiry into the application. The Public Inquiry will commence on 12 April 2023 and will then sit on the 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th April 2023.

## Current Position on Acquisition of Land/Rights

As you will be aware, Network Rail have, via its agents, had extensive discussions with you with a view to securing agreement regarding both the position of the legal boundary between your property and their rail side boundary and the scope of the accommodation works to be implemented to minimise any impact of the proposed upgrade to the level crossing to your property.

Network Rail initially approached you on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and outlined the proposed works and objectives of the project. On 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 you responded to Network Rail outlining your concerns and questioning the extent of Network Rails' land ownership adjacent to your property.

During the summer of 2021, Network Rails' agent circulated details of the purchase of land forming part of Plots 003 and 004 by Network Rail. In the circumstances, both you and Network Rail submitted applications to the Land Registry based upon your Conveyance Plans and further discussions were held in abeyance until the registration process had been completed and the land in question registered in Network Rail's name at the HM Land Registry.

In December 2022, Network Rail's agents contacted you and arranged a site meeting with a representative from the Network Rail's Project Team on 19th December 2022. At the meeting, the

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boundary, as registered by Network Rail, was plotted on site and discussions were held regarding your other concerns.

Following the meeting, draft Heads of Terms reflecting your requirements were circulated on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023 and, following further discussions, solicitors were instructed to progress documenting the terms agreed on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2023.

As at the date of this letter, the proposed Deed of Grant remains to be completed. However, the heads of terms have been agreed and solicitors instructed to complete as soon as possible.

We trust that the above correctly describes the current position. We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to hold the public inquiry into the application for the Order. Please do let us know by return if you disagree with summary of the status of our negotiations set out in this letter.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Rees

Senior Project Manager