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18th April 2024

Dear Secretary of State

**THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (DIDCOT GARDEN TOWN HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2022**

**MORRELLS HOLDINGS LTD (PREVIOUSLY REFERRED TO AS MR LOVEGROVE-FIELDEN & MR WYLD
AS TRUSTEES OF MRS PVE MORRELLS MARRIAGE SETTLEMENT**

As you are aware, I, together with Simon Mole, Montagu Evans, 70 St Mary Axe, London, EC3A 8BE (simon.mole@montagu-evans.co.uk) are instructed by the above party in respect of the proposed Oxfordshire County Council (Didcot Garden Town Highways Infrastructure – A4130 Improvement – Milton Gate to Collett Roundabout), A4197 Didcot to Culham Link Road, and A415 Clifton Hampden Bypass) CPO 2022.

On behalf of our clients we objected to the Compulsory Purchase Order by way of written letter dated 17th March 2023.

We understand that the inquiry in respect of the Orders is expected to open on 23 April 2024.

We write to inform the Inspector that Heads of Terms for an agreement between Morrells Holdings Ltd and Oxfordshire County Council are being progressed, and negotiations and agreement, on the Heads of Terms and subsequent Agreement are expected to proceed expeditiously.

Morrells Holdings Ltd therefore wishes to withdraw its objections to the Orders.

Please could any correspondence in relation to the Inquiry or any further information required by your Department be directed to Simon Mole, Montagu Evans (as above) and Kevin Prince, Adkin, Orpwood House, School Road, Ardington, Wantage, Oxfordshire, OX12 8PQ (kevin.prince@adkin.co.uk).

Yours Sincerely

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