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Dear Mr Warman,

Rother Valley Railway. Bodiam to Robertsbridge Junction Order.

Thank you for your letter advising us that you are being instructed by the Hoad Family of Parsonage Farm and Mrs Cherida Michell and the Trustees of the Noel de Quincey Estate in respect of Moat Farm.

We are advised on legal matters by Winckworth Sherwood, who will be submitting the Transport and Works Act Order on our behalf.

As you will know, we have been endeavouring to purchase the necessary land from your clients for a number of years and have made very generous offers. It continues to be our wish to purchase the land by negotiation and we remain willing to meet with your clients to try to facilitate this.

In respect of the third paragraph of your letter, the information provided with the land referencing letters of 17 March was extracted from Land Registry information and was provided for the purposes of (i) obtaining confirmation from each recipient that the relevant land is within their ownership; and (ii) to ascertain whether there are any other owners or occupiers of that land known to the recipients. This is to assist the Company to ensure that all persons entitled to notice of the forthcoming application under the Transport and Works Act 1992 are known to the promoter and can be provided with the right information. It was perfectly adequate for those purposes.

With regard to the request for updated plans, the application is being made formally to DfT on 19th April. Order plans and sections, together with all the other application documents, will be available to inspect locally and or download from our RVR web-site from 20 April; in addition to which landowner notices will be served, which will be accompanied by a plan showing the relevant land to be acquired, used or merely entered for purposes of carrying out surveys.

We have indeed commissioned Steer, Davies, Gleave to prepare a report on the Economic benefits of the Reinstatement of the Railway, and once this is finalised we will of course make it available to interested parties.

As indicated above, we would welcome the opportunity to discuss further land purchase options with you and your clients, irrespective of the TWAO, and hope that this will be possible in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

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