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## Re: Transport and Works Act 1992 Ref AWP/WJ/32028

Dear Sirs, we are writing to you in response to correspondence received relating to works planned to be carried out on the level crossing at Battlesbridge and in particular the requirement to acquire some of the land we own to complete said works.

Despite the short window we have been given to respond to this order which originally was issued in May 2017 and that we have omitted from it circulation until October 2017, we have consulted with a local company who are familiar with such orders and would like to lodge an objection.

The land currently lies fallow and was originally purchased as part of a property we bought on Hawk Hill. Circumstances meant that the property was sold but the field in question was on a separate deed was retained. As mentioned the land is not currently farmed or used for grazing but has been retained as an investment as there have, over recent years been suggestions that the village of Battlesbridge could be an area where residential development may be granted. Our objection is drawn from our concerns that the works proposed on the land acquired and the rights of access to this land could complicate any legal negotiations that could arise should the land eventually receive consent from local authorities to be developed for residential use.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course in order that our concerns and the potential financial impact of these concerns be agreed and settled.

With kind regards

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