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**Subject:** The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order.  
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Dear Sirs,

**The Network Rail (Huddersfield to Westtown (Dewsbury) Improvements) Order.**

I am writing on behalf of Longley Holdings Limited. C/O Ibstock Brick Limited, Leicester Road, Ibstock, Leicestershire, LE67 6HS

Longley wish to make representation about proposals for the relocation of overhead transmission lines over land of which they are heritable proprietors.

The overhead transmission line currently bisects our freehold site on a north-south axis. Land underneath and either side of the overhead transmission line is used for storage of concrete products.

To the south of this land lies some agricultural land which Longley is in discussion to purchase or lease from the local Council to facilitate the construction of an enlarged factory and stockyard for which we have planning consent (please see attached plan detailing this area hatched red). You could assert that areas of land within distances from the proposed new route of the transmission line was otherwise capable of development. We are concerned as to whether land will effectively be sterilised on account of the relocation of the pylons and overhead transmission lines. As the pylon and lines are moving closer to Longley's operation the loss is on the basis that these areas cannot be developed by Longley and is thus sterilised.

We believe there would be a lesser impact if the pylon were positioned closer to the existing lines or ideally further to the East.

The detail on the drawings accompanying the notice is not particularly clear and doesn't provide sufficient clarity for us to assess the exact route and impact of the transmission line. It is also difficult to understand the extent and impact of the planning application boundary which appears to include our site. Various other shading on plans is questionable but does not appear to be identified in the Key.

Longley request the opportunity of meeting on site to discuss the future development proposals and to appreciate how our development will likely to be precluded depending on the repositioning of the pylon. We are seeking to constructively minimise impact on our future whilst accommodating the pylons and overhead transmission lines. It would be helpful to establish, if there is any bar to industrial development close to the lines (except obviously within the footprints of the pylons and in so far safety regulations prohibited building).

We are also conscious that there is a growing public perception of a health risk from electricity transmission lines, which in turn may affect employee's willingness to work underneath them.

Should you require further assistance or clarification with the above, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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