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Lawton Yarns Limited P41 Limited

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Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
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33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE LAND COMPULSORILY IN RESPECT OF NETWORK RAIL (HUDDERSFIELD TO WESTTOWN (DEWSBURY) IMPROVEMENTS ORDER)

I write this letter as a director of both of the above companies to register the objection on both of their behalfs to the notice issued on 31 March 2021 as it relates to the Ravens Ing Mill property.

I attach for your files the two adjoining title numbers and associated maps which show the extent of freehold property owned by P41 Limited ("P41"). P41 acts as landlord to Lawton Yarns Limited ("Lawtons") who occupy the entire site and operates as the largest UK based manufacturer of woollen yarns to the UK carpet manufacturing industry.

Lawtons employs 255 people currently and operations are continuous across a 7-day week.

The nature of the Lawton's operation includes drawing water from the river Calder which is then filtered in the filtration plant prior to use in the production processes which include a dye-house. In addition, the business has a stand-alone boiler unit providing heat critical for the production process. The business requires constant access for both delivery and dispatch of products to all of the yard space included in the property.

All of these items are included in whole or in part of at least one of the parcels of land included in your schedule as provided. The current operation occupies the entire sites and there is limited, if any, available space to relocate any elements on the same footprint. Lawtons operations are wholly interdependent and need to be balanced in order to secure the operations.

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Further details are required regarding the precise nature of access and acquisition proposed for each of the parcels of land listed on the notice dated 31 March 2021. The companies require details of the proposed actions in relation to each parcel of land as detailed and the relevant valuation processes, appeal processes and compensation provisions.

Clearly if the notice actually relates to requiring temporary access across the properties then I am sure this can be accommodated but should the proposal require permanent compulsory purchase of any area upon which key elements of the operation are standing then the business will be forced to close – it cannot be relocated without a purpose-built site being provided mirroring the existing facilities in their entirety which will represent a considerable cost to you.

I submit this letter as formal objection to the proposed compulsory purchase order and request confirmation of receipt of this by you in due course.

Given the nature of this proposal we will instruct legal advisors in due course.

Yours sincerely



Carlton Siddle for
P41 Limited



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Attachments:

Maps for title deeds YW1112 & YW1169

Registration Number 12040946 England VAT Registration Number GB 325904406

HM Land Registry
Official copy of
title plan

Title number **YY4112**
Ordnance Survey map reference **SE2220SE**
Scale **1:1250**
Administrative area **West Yorkshire :**
Kirklees



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