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c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
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Our ref:
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Your ref:
TWA0/155

Dear Secretary of State for Transport

**The Northumberland Line Order
Transport and Works Act 1992
Reference: TWA0/155**

We act for a number of landowners whose properties are managed out of the Blagdon Estate Office.

These landowners include:

1. The Right Honourable Matthew White Fifth Viscount Ridley;
2. The Hon Matthew White Ridley; and
3. Plessey Checks Farming Limited.

Our clients have not, to date, been served with notice of the Northumberland Line Order (**Order**), although they are named in the Book of Reference.

Our clients only became aware of the application for the Order being made on 17 June 2021 when they were sent a copy of a notice dated 27 May 2021 addressed to the Right Hon Matthew White Ridley which was incorrectly sent to the address of Malthouse & Co, whereas the land is registered to the address of the Blagdon Estate Office. We have not had sight of any notice in respect of The Fifth Viscount Ridley or Plessey Checks Farming Limited, although we do note that their names appear in the Book of Reference.

Our clients have not been served with a copy of the notice and have not been given the requisite 42 days to consider the application and make an objection.

Accordingly, we are writing to bring to your attention that the applicant has not duly served several of the notices required to be served under regulation 12 of the Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, and to ask the Secretary of State to direct that (1) the applicant should properly serve relevant notice(s) on our clients and (2) that our client should be allowed not less than 42 days to submit an objection from the day such notice is received.

The address for service is as follows:

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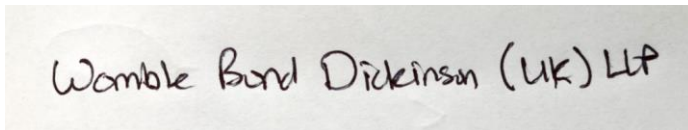
Blagdon Estate Office
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We would ask that notices are marked "FAO Peter Combe".

Our clients do not object in principle to the Northumberland Line Order, however a brief review of the Land Plans suggests an extraordinary amount of land belonging to the Honourable Matthew White Ridley is being made subject to powers of compulsory purchase. Our client considers that the extent of the proposed land-take is excessive and cannot be justified and, pending receipt of proper notices from the applicant, therefore **OBJECTS** to the Order on this initial ground.

Our clients reserve the right to submit an objection to the Order or as the case may be make a more detailed objection and/or add further grounds to this objection when they have had time to properly consider the contents of the Application.

Yours faithfully

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored surface. The signature reads "Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP".

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