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Dear Mr Taylor

### **The Network Rail (Cambridge Re-Signalling) Order**

#### The Order

As you are aware, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for the above-mentioned Order.

The draft Order provides for the compulsory purchase of the land and/or rights and extinguishment of the rights in land described in the Schedules to the draft Order, in which you have an interest.

The Secretary of State for Transport has considered the application for the Order and decided to hold a Public Inquiry into the application. The Public Inquiry will commence on 12 April 2023 and will then sit on the 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th April 2023.

#### Current Position on Acquisition of Land/Rights

As you know, Network Rail has had extensive discussions with you with a view to securing the rights over your land that it wishes to acquire by private agreement. Accordingly, the following negotiations have taken place with you to date.

Brown & Co LLP made initial contact with you in March 2020 to discuss the Project and establish the extent of your land ownership.

On 5 August 2020 details of the proposed works were sent to you. This was followed by a site meeting on 27 August 2020.

In January 2021, we sent you a letter which outlined the objectives and timescales for the Cambridge Re-Signalling Project.

In February 2021, a request for access to the land was made and granted by you to allow porosity tests to be undertaken and a meeting was held on site to discuss in greater detail the Cambridge Re-Signalling project's requirements and how these might be designed to continue to allow for access for farm equipment into the site.

Due to a change of design, Network Rail initially believed that access to your property would no longer be required. However, on 5 October 2021 a further meeting was convened on site to discuss Network Rail's revised plans, which included the need to acquire temporary rights over your property.

In January 2022, revised plans were sent to you indicating the extent of temporary access required over your land. In July further revised plans were circulated and a meeting was held on site on 3 August to discuss and review.

In September 2022, Network Rail's requirements were outlined in an email to you. This was followed by the Heads of Terms which were circulated on 3 October 2022, ahead of a site meeting on 5 October 2022.

On 10 October 2022, you appointed an agent to act on your behalf and terms for the acquisition of the land required by Network Rail were progressed.

A further meeting was held on site on 19 January 2023 to review the options for the provision of either a new entrance for use by the farm into the adjacent field or the provision of a shared access to the land which Network Rail would acquire. The outcome of the meeting was that a 'shared access' would best meet the needs of both parties, subject to the provision of suitable gates to secure the existing entrance.

On 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, amended proposals, reflecting the discussions arising from the site meeting in January 2023, together with updated Heads of Terms were circulated to your appointed agent and a further meeting arranged to progress negotiations.

At the date of this letter, Network Rail is continuing to liaise with you, via your agent, to establish how a shared access from the public highway can be provided to meet both Network Rail and your requirements, and we are hoping to agree Heads of Terms with you in due course.

We trust that the above correctly describes the current position. We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to hold the public inquiry into the application for the Order. Please do let us know by return if you disagree with summary of the status of our negotiations set out in this letter.

Yours sincerely,



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