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Dear Sir/Madam

## Ref: Banwell Bypass Compulsory Purchase Order

I refer to your notice regarding the proposed Order. National Grid Electricity Transmission PLC (NGET) wishes to submit a holding objection while the impact on existing and future infrastructure or land interests are being considered and discussed with the Applicant.

National Grid Electricity Transmission has an access road and assets within the order boundary. The access road is key to accessing the Hinkley Connection Project which, along with the assets, forms an essential part of the electricity transmission network in England and Wales.

The access and assets are in operational use and detailed work needs to be undertaken to agree an asset protection plan through the life of the project to ensure the protection of existing infrastructure including protection of existing rights, interests and accesses.

Where the Applicant intends to acquire land, extinguish rights, or interfere with any of NGET's apparatus, both will require appropriate protection and further discussion on the impact to its apparatus and rights. In respect of existing infrastructure, NGET will require appropriate protection for retained apparatus including compliance with relevant standards for works proposed within close proximity of its apparatus.

I hope the above information is useful. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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