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Your ref:
Our ref: GLD-8/0087/DfT-226

Dear Sir

Our client: Secretary of State for Transport c/o Group Property Team
Matter: Cambourne to Cambridge Transport and Works Act 1992 Order (“Order”)

We are instructed by the Group Property team within the Department for Transport to advise the Secretary of State for Transport in relation her property rights and interests affected by the proposed Order.

Our client has been served with the relevant papers in relation to Cambridgeshire County Council’s (“the Applicant”) application for an order pursuant to the Transport and Works Act 1992 to facilitate the Cambourne to Cambridge guided busway project.

We note that the deadline for representations is 8 January 2025 and we are therefore instructed to set out our client’s position in relation to the application in this letter.

Our client’s property rights and interests are affected by the proposed application in the following ways:

1. The registered crown interests listed in the crown land schedule

Our client has various registered interests over which the Applicant is seeking rights and interests in order to carry out the works listed in the Order. We have, using external legal support, reviewed these crown interests and are liaising with our client in relation to whether consent may be given to include these interests within the Order. Please note that a formal decision on whether consent may be given has not yet been taken.

2. The unregistered crown land in the crown land schedule

We have been liaising with both the Applicant and our client in relation to plot 14-154 which is unregistered but understood to remain within the ownership of our client because of its proximity to the M11. Our client is currently carrying out internal checks in relation to this parcel of land and/or the proposed exchange land. It may be that the parties are able to reach an agreement on the transfer of this land to the Applicant outside the parameters of the proposed Order. Again, for the avoidance of doubt, a formal decision on whether consent may be given

or indeed an alternative transfer will be agreed has not yet been taken and discussions are ongoing.

3. The SoS's sponsor role in protecting the transport network (namely National Highways and East West Rail)

As you will be aware, our client has oversight over various agencies and Gov Cos operating the national transport infrastructure. As such, our client is currently liaising with these organisations in relation to this application to ensure that a collaborative and cohesive response is provided. As you will appreciate, in terms of timing and given the Christmas break, these discussions have taken longer than anticipated and we are not yet in a position to provide a full and substantive response on behalf of the SoST in relation to the application at this stage.

If you would like to discuss the content of this correspondence further, please would you either contact Naomi Chesterman (Naomi.Chesterman@governmentlegal.gov.uk) or David Griffiths (David.Griffiths@dft.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

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