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Secretary of State for Transport
C/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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31st December 2024

Cambridgeshire County Council Ref: Rule15-2981861-20241112

Dear Secretary of State

Transport and Works Act 1992
The Transport and Works {Application and Objectives Procedure} {England and Wales} Rules 2006 {the 2006 Rules}

The Cambourne to Cambridge Order

Please accept this document as our current objections:

- We historically farmed this land as part of our family arable farm, and kept some parcels of land after the majority of the land was sold following a death in the family. All of this land is now affected by the proposed scheme.
- It is unacceptable to propose to compulsory acquire and purchase land owners lands as a 'buffet' (select areas of owners land holdings) for intended bus route and leave other areas isolated with no access.
- Our land total is 14+ acres and the scheme intends to acquire/pay compensation for only 5.91acres. Price per acre is derisory and NOT ACCEPTABLE, considering the long term rental income and the potential for sustainable development over future years by future generations. This is family land we are planning to pass on.
- Land references 9-089 a + b + c, 9-090, and 9-099 (note: which area is not listed on your offer page) on the Transport and Works Cambourne to Cambridge Order Notice of Application, plus other areas appear incorrectly attributed to Chivers Farms Ltd on the documentation. Chivers Farms are our tenants, we own the freehold to this land, therefore the application is not correct.
- Land reference 11-120 is another parcel of our land. We own a direct access in the form of a gateway and track to this land from the A1303. Under the proposed scheme the majority of this land which lies to the south of the proposed bus route could no longer be accessed from the A1303. This means that the current plans are entirely inadequate for us as land owners. We would require a junction, tunnel or vehicle bridge to BE BUILT TO access our land of some 3 acres. But our position remains that the whole route is moved further south to avoid needlessly bisecting our land. We also wish you to note that our husband/father's ashes are scattered on this privately owned land and wish to engage with the Minister, Cambridge

County Council and Greater Cambridge Partnership to formally discuss this highly sensitive matter.

- Our land bordering Hadwick Road and Long Road was not initially included in the plans for the proposed bus route which were sent to us. More recently, this land was suddenly included in the plan, without any direct approach or engagement with ourselves. As the plans stand now, this is definitely NOT acceptable to us, we would lose the majority of our land in both locations; land that we have future plans for and wish to keep in the family. We also note that the plans for the Hardwick Road/Long Road now include a vital junction/interchange section of infrastructure for the proposed bus route. We also currently receive an annual rental fee for this land which we envisaged continuing for many years. Therefore its value is much greater than the one-off payment of £11,000.00p per acre, and we will not settle for a rate unless it is multiple times higher than this for this intended acquisition.
- We are greatly concerned about the environmental impact of the proposed route. We wish to see a full impact assessment and require assurances that any proposed 'mitigations' do not amount to greenwashing on a route that would undoubtedly mean loss of natural habitat and further fragmentation of natural habitats in the area, including the loss of trees and mature hedgerows.
- The approach of the Cambridge County Council the Greater Cambridge Partnership and other appointed agencies to ourselves over the past years has been shambolic. This includes suddenly changing plans for the route which has a great impact on ourselves and our interests without any direct contact sought, and multiple confidential documents sent to incorrect addresses, despite informing all stakeholders many times of our correct addresses.

You will be hearing from our land agents and legal teams in due course.

Yours sincerely

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For your future information our correct addresses are below:

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