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Dear Sir/Madam,

**TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992: THE PROPOSED CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL AND GREATER CAMBRIDGE PARTNERSHIP CAMBRIDGE SOUTH EAST TRANSPORT ORDER**

We write further to our letter of 27 October 2025 informing you of the Secretary of State's decision under Rule 23 of the Transport and Works (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2004 to temporarily place the Inquiry for the above-mentioned Order into abeyance until Spring 2026.

A further request has been received from Cambridgeshire County Council dated 18 March 2026 for the application to remain in abeyance. This is due to the matters that have arisen regarding the Scheme's proximity to a gas pipeline. This issue was highlighted in the Statement of Case submitted on behalf of National Gas Transmission plc (NGT). A feasibility study on design solutions to mitigate impacts on the pipeline has been undertaken, and NGT will now carry out a full design study to establish the detailed mitigation required.

The Secretary of State has, therefore, decided to continue the period of abeyance until **30 June 2026**. This is to allow further time before the Pre-Inquiry Meeting is held and the Inquiry opened for the Applicant and NGT to agree details of the design solution. Please note that the Inquiry is not cancelled but will be held in abeyance before the Secretary of State, being required by Rule 13, gives written notice of the date and notification of the Inquiry.

The Statement of Matters will be issued to all parties along with details of the Inquiry as soon as details of the design solution are known and new timings can be proposed. If this is sooner than 30 June 2026, we will not delay the process any more than necessary and will write to you again to update you.

Yours faithfully,

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