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Dear Charlotte,

THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC (PITSMOOR-WINCOBANK-TEMPLEBOROUGH 275 KV CABLE REPLACEMENT SCHEME) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023

Further to your ongoing discussions with National Grid's solicitors, we wanted to take this opportunity to write in response to your objection submitted in relation to the above compulsory purchase order (CPO).

Your objection was primarily based on the fact that the CPO included operational railway land which could be adversely affected by the proposals. To a certain extent this was unavoidable as the existing cables were located through land owned by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited and it was also essential for the new cables to cross operational land in one location as it crosses the River Don (albeit land on which the tram operates rather than a train line).

We have been in discussions with Network Rail's engineering asset protection team for some time in order to work towards entering into a Basic Asset Protection Agreement (BAPA) for the works. In the time since your objection was submitted we have made positive progress and the project's design has been able to progress following site surveys undertaken with Network Rail's consent.

We have also been able to progress discussions with Network Rail's property team to reach agreement on terms for the crossing of Network Rail's land. I understand that you are currently drafting the easement documentation based on Network Rail's standard format and an undertaking. National Grid's solicitors are drafting the option agreement. We hope to be able to reach agreement on these matters relatively promptly.

However, we would appreciate if you can confirm in advance of the Inquiry if there are any specific matters that you feel require further discussion or if there are any other grounds of objection that we are not aware of. Alternatively, we would appreciate your confirmation of whether you feel you are now able to withdraw your objection.

Yours sincerely,



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