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Dear Georgiana

Thank you for your email and for kindly advising me on late submissions. Please find attached the revised submission from the Parish Council to be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Many thanks.

Kind regards

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Clerk to Washington Parish Council

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6th August 2024.

Dear Mr Allen,

EN010117 - Deadline 6 Submission: Land Engagement

Written Representation on behalf of Washington Parish Council (IP Ref 20042011) and as Trustee to the Washington Recreation Ground Charity (IP Ref 20042008) Plot Numbers 22/8 and 22/9 in the Applicant's Book of Reference [APP-026]

The Parish Council has several times confirmed its willingness to RED, via their agent, to reach an agreement on access terms for the section of Rampion 2 cable route on the Washington Recreation Ground/ Allotment Land. This is without prejudice to the Parish Council's stated objection to the route through Washington village.

It was made clear to RED that such an agreement would be subject to their written legal undertaking to pay all the Parish Council's professional fees reasonably incurred, to advise on the Heads of Terms, even if an agreement is not reached which is outside the Parish Council's control.

As well as being a landowner and a trustee of the Recreation Ground/Allotment, the Parish Council as a small public body has limited financial means. As such, it has a fiduciary duty on the spending of public monies and cannot accept any open-ended financial responsibilities and liabilities. Therefore this guarantee from RED on meeting all fees is essential.

The Parish Council has made this position clear through various communications with RED and its agents, including an email letter on 20th February and a Teams meeting on 9th May this year. These were followed up with emails from our potential agent to theirs, further requesting an assurance on fees on 28th June, and again on 25th July, so that matters can be progressed.

RED's agent acknowledged the wider role of the Parish Council (Teams meeting 9th May) and that our costs for the negotiations were likely to be far in excess of the fees capped in their proposed terms, due the complexities of the work involved, particularly in dealing with the Charities Act 2011 compliance matters. At RED's request, the Parish Council's potential agent answered their queries on fees and clearly indicated a sensible budget on overall costs.

To date, RED has not provided a written assurance to meet our fair and reasonably incurred professional fees in full. Consequently, the Parish Council has been unable to engage its agent to progress these negotiations.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. The Council apologises for the lateness of this submission and asks that you allow it to be taken into consideration.

Your Sincerely,

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Ms Z Savill
Clerk to Washington Parish Council