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Response to the Secretary of State's Letter Dated 29th May 2025

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- We fail to understand how 'trenchless techniques' will impact on the electrical system design.
- The applicant states that, due to the need to cross multiple obstacles when using trenchless techniques, it is "highly likely" to be one long drill. This is not a firm commitment.
- It should be noted that this long drill is in the applicants' interest and not trying to accommodate our clients' needs.
- Without further evidence and explanation, we can't understand why the impact on the electrical system design cannot be overcome – in our opinion it is purely a cost consideration that prevents the applicant from committing.
- Are the applicants at a stage of detailed design where they can provide commitment to the design, the construction methods etc?

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- Once again, the word "likely" demonstrates that there is a lack of firm commitment by the applicants to trenchless techniques.
- It is our belief that the applicants are considering trenchless techniques on this section due to engineering reasons only.
- It is not done voluntarily nor to assist our clients.
- We further believe that this demonstrates it is possible to drill any part of the route and the only preventing factor comes back to economic reasons.

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- Table 3.30 and 3.3.1 (APP-050) clearly states the distances between the joint boxes (JB) and the link boxes (LB) must be between 750m and 1,750m.
- We are not engineers, but this response seems to complicate and confuse the situation. Based on the lengths of direct drilling which are being discussed, there is scope in the detailed design to easily accommodate the direct drilling our clients

request, whilst at the same time ensuring JB's and LB's fall within the design parameters set out in (APP-050).

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- We acknowledge that the applicants have confirmed that they will commit to these works providing our clients are in occupation of the land before construction takes place.
- We note in document S_RFI1_06_FO1, section 1.10.2 the applicants mention committing to specific mitigation measures to assist our clients. However, no mitigation measures have been agreed and therefore, at this stage, there is no firm commitment. The main mitigation measure we require is for a commitment to HDD in one continuous length the 450m between A-B.

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