

SBC has continued to discuss the implications of the scheme on plots 13/14 and 13/16. Those are referred to at paragraphs 6.2.3 to 6.2.19 of the Statement of Reasons (Revision 5) [REP6b-014]. In respect of those plots SBC confirms that:

- The Council do not have any objections to RWE being granted compulsory acquisition powers to acquire rights at Letch Lane. Where possible however, our preference would be to enter into a voluntary agreement in the first instance.
- As the land at Letch Lane forms part of Castle Eden Walkway, and is used by members of the public, construction of the cable route will impact on users. However, as the cable route will be below ground, the Council do not have any objections to this land being utilised for the cable route. Notwithstanding, this is subject to necessary safeguards being put in place to limit the impact to users of the cycleway/ walkway during construction. This requirement is incorporated in the terms of the other Option Agreements at Letch Lane. The Council is satisfied that could be addressed through the Applicant's Public Rights of Way (PRoW) Management Plan as described at paragraph 6.2.16 of its Statement of Reasons.