

Compulsory purchase and verges

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Relevant Representation: RR519, Reg ID number: [REDACTED]

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Plot Numbers: 10-16, 10-18, and 7-7

Final Closing Comments regarding Compulsory Acquisition and Temporary Possession

1. **Regarding Plot 10-16 (Water Pipe at SA16):** Further to my previous submissions, the applicant has still not provided any rationale, drawings, depths, or other specifications for the water pipeline that they wish to run through my subsoil. Nor has it engaged in genuine commercial negotiation, beyond a token offer of £50. To cover the proposed change from a cable to a pipe, the applicant has, at this late stage in the process, altered the generic text at the end of Schedule 1 (work numbers 6 and 9) of their draft rules to include water connections. However, the applicant's core application materials - specifically the Book of Reference (document 4.3) and Statement of reasons (document 4.1), and the Environmental Statement Chapter 2 (document 6.1) - remain unchanged and restrict the justification of this corridor to an underground cable connection.
2. **Regarding Plot 10-18 (Farm Access at SA16) and Plot 7-7 (Garden Farm Access at SA12):** The applicant and its agent have told me by email that these green verges are only required for "visibility purposes" and that blocking our access at 10-18 "is not required for the project". This correspondence, while welcome, falls well short of the binding assurance I have asked for that our farming operations will not be impeded. Yet, if the applicant only requires these areas for visibility and traffic management, it would continue to appear that the applicant's request for temporary possession is unnecessary.

I therefore request that all compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers over my land interests be removed from the final Order.