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Dear Planning Inspectorate,

With regards to question 1.5.8 (p.22).

Re: [REDACTED] and woodland directly north and adjacent to the above property (referenced in section 12-01 in the Book of Reference).

We have two properties alongside the proposed cable route on Cumnor Road B4017 in Farmoor. Our details are correct in the Book of Reference, although it is unclear as to whether our entry covers both our land parcels, which are separate properties at Land Registry, or if the two properties have been rolled into one? We request that this is clarified in writing.

The red line drawn in the Land Plans, which in our case is filled in blue, is so thick that in the real world it could be around 3 feet wide, so it is unclear if it encroaches over our wall line and/or into our extensive hedging/ large established trees or garden. In this day and age, and with a project of such size and budget, this should be mapped to the cm using satellite imagery and photographic references, so there is no room for misinterpretation.

If we are to assume that the compulsorily purchased land would only cover up to our wall/ fence (again, that isn't clear), where this lack of clarity could become especially critical is on the western edge of the woodland, which has several large established trees on our side, but close to the proposed boundary line. These trees provide critical cover for wildlife, and because there is purposely no fence along the verge, on account of the fact it forms an important wildlife corridor between the River Thames and Wytham Woods, any work that might negatively impact these trees (e.g. root damage/ cutting of branches during nesting season), would need to be managed very carefully.

For that reason in particular, we request that the exact boundary of any compulsory purchase land is detailed in much more precise terms, or that the developer confirms in writing that the power lines will run along the western side of the B4017 at this point, as we have already suggested makes far more sense, given the fact it doesn't pass by any properties.

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