



Event Transcript

Project:	Green Hill Solar Farm
Event:	Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 1 (CAH1) – Part 1
Date:	10 December 2025

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00:00:05.900 --> 00:00:06.460
Well,

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00:00:07.340 --> 00:00:10.790
good afternoon. Um, it is now 2:00

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00:00:10.820 --> 00:00:13.920
PM and time for this hearing to

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00:00:13.940 --> 00:00:17.670
begin. I would like to welcome you all to this

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00:00:17.780 --> 00:00:21.740
first compulsory acquisition hearing for the

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00:00:21.800 --> 00:00:24.240
Green Hill Solar Farm project.

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00:00:25.120 --> 00:00:29.050
Um, could I just first check that, uh, e- everybody in the room can

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00:00:29.100 --> 00:00:32.980
hear me clearly? Thank you. Um, and

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00:00:33.080 --> 00:00:36.220
can people online, um, hear

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00:00:36.880 --> 00:00:39.360
what's going on in the room?

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00:00:41.220 --> 00:00:44.900
Great. Thank you. And could I just confirm with the case

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00:00:45.000 --> 00:00:48.780
manager that the live streaming and recording of this

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00:00:48.840 --> 00:00:51.880
event has commenced? Great. Thank

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00:00:51.960 --> 00:00:55.820
you. Uh, my name's Mark Harrison.

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I am a planning inspector and a chartered town

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planner. I've been appointed by the Secretary of State to

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be the lead member of the panel to examine

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this application, and I'll now ask my

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fellow panel members to introduce themselves.

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00:01:14.760 --> 00:01:16.730
Good afternoon. My name's Rebecca Norman.

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I'm a chartered town planner and examining inspector.

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I've been appointed as a panel member of the examining authority,
and I will be

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leading this afternoon's hearing.

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Good afternoon. My name is Catherine Beeby.

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I'm a town planner and an examining inspector.

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I've been appointed as a panel member of the ex- examining
authority.

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(clears throat) So together, we constitute the examining authority

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for this application. Our role is to examine the application

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and to report to the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net

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00:01:47.980 --> 00:01:51.820
Zero with a recommendation as to whether or not the development
consent order

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00:01:51.860 --> 00:01:55.790
should be made. I'd also like to introduce the members of

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00:01:55.820 --> 00:01:59.500
the planning inspectorate's case team who are supporting us today.

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You may have already spoken with them.

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00:02:01.580 --> 00:02:05.460
We have in the room Ryan Sedgman, who is case manager for this
project,

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00:02:05.480 --> 00:02:07.580
and Jessica Dunlop, who is a stu- student

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00:02:07.880 --> 00:02:11.840
placement. Another Case Officer, Sam Stephens, is providing

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00:02:12.140 --> 00:02:14.940
support for those of you joining us online.

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00:02:15.000 --> 00:02:18.680
In addition, technicians from the audiovisual company, Event Video
& TM

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00:02:18.800 --> 00:02:22.760
Services, are in attendance solely for the purpose of managing the

recording

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00:02:22.780 --> 00:02:24.860

and live stream- streaming for this hearing.

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I'll now do, deal with a few housekeeping matters for those attending in

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person. Can everyone please set all devices and phones to

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silent? There are toilets just to the right as you

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00:02:37.500 --> 00:02:41.200

exit this room. Uh, we don't believe there's a planned fire

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alarm test this afternoon, so if an alarm does sound, please leave by the

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marked exits to the rear of the room and assemble in the car

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park. Today's hearing is being

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undertaken in a hybrid way, meaning some of you are present with us at the hearing

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00:02:55.560 --> 00:02:58.900

venue and some of you are joining us virtually using Microsoft

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Teams. We will make sure that however you've decided to

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attend today, you will be given a fair opportunity to

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00:03:05.440 --> 00:03:09.300
participate. A recording of today's hearing will be
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00:03:09.340 --> 00:03:12.820

made available on the Green Hill project section of the National Infrastructure

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00:03:12.900 --> 00:03:16.280
Planning website as soon as practicable after the hearing has

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00:03:16.320 --> 00:03:20.280
finished. With this in mind, please ensure that you speak clearly into a

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00:03:20.320 --> 00:03:24.180
microphone, stating your name and who you are representing each

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00:03:24.240 --> 00:03:25.480
time before you speak.

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00:03:26.580 --> 00:03:30.080
If you're not at a table with a microphone, there is a ro- roving microphone, so

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00:03:30.180 --> 00:03:32.440
please wait for one of these to be brought to you before you

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00:03:32.580 --> 00:03:34.540
speak.

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00:03:35.460 --> 00:03:38.760
A link to the planning inspectorate's privacy notice was provided in the

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notification for this hearing. We assume that everybody here

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00:03:42.540 --> 00:03:46.420
today has familiarized themselves with this document, which establishes how

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00:03:46.460 --> 00:03:50.360

the personal data of our customers has, uh, is handled in accordance

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with the principles set out in data protection laws.

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Please speak to the case manager if you have any questions about this.

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So to briefly explain the purpose of this compulsory acquisition

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hearing, the application for the proposed development includes a

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request for an order granting development consent to

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authorize compulsory acquisition of land or compulsory acquisition of an

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interest in or right over land.

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This hearing is to enable the examining authority to hear and probe the applicant's

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str- strategic pla- case in respect of the

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application. This hearing is also for the examining

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authority to hear individual objections from affected persons

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who are interested parties with a legal interest in the land or rights over which

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the applicant is seeking powers of compulsory acquisition

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and/or temporary possession. This hearing

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will help us to consider whether relevant legal and policy tests applicable to

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compulsory acquisition and temporary possession proposals have been

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met. We published an agenda for this hearing on the

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28th of November with an examination library re- reference of

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EV6001. We will invite

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affected persons in turn to summarize their case with respect to the compulsory

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acquisition and temporary pr- possession powers being sought by the

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applicant. We will then give the applicant an opportunity

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to respond to any summary cases made by affected persons and will

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ask any questions we consider necessary.

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So moving now to introductions. Can I first ask the applicant to please

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00:05:26.320 --> 00:05:29.620
introduce its team, including any advisors?

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00:05:29.660 --> 00:05:33.280
In doing so, please state how individual members of the team would
wish to be

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00:05:33.320 --> 00:05:36.640
addressed, i.e., Mr., Mrs., Ms., et cetera.

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00:05:36.650 --> 00:05:38.000
Thank you.

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00:05:39.740 --> 00:05:42.160
Uh, good afternoon. My name is Claire Brodrick.

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00:05:42.240 --> 00:05:46.220
I'm a partner at Pinsent Masons LLP, who are solicitors

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00:05:46.260 --> 00:05:49.780
for the applicant, Green Hill Solar Farm Limited.

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00:05:49.790 --> 00:05:52.120
Um, I can be referred to as Ms. Brodrick.

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00:05:52.200 --> 00:05:55.680
Um, I'm joined by a number of, uh, members of the applicant team.

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00:05:55.740 --> 00:05:59.380
We are all here in person, uh, for the purposes of this

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00:05:59.460 --> 00:06:02.920
specific hearing. Um, I will let them each introduce

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00:06:02.940 --> 00:06:06.912
themselves, um, uh-... now and then they will speak

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00:06:06.992 --> 00:06:09.922
if, if required during the course of the compulsory acquisition
hearing.

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00:06:09.952 --> 00:06:12.122
Thank you.

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00:06:14.392 --> 00:06:17.912
Uh, my name is Alison Dablin, I am an associate at Pinsent Masons

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00:06:18.212 --> 00:06:20.352
and...

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00:06:20.532 --> 00:06:23.952
My name is, uh, Julian Barter, land agent for the applicant.

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00:06:23.972 --> 00:06:27.452
Uh, I can be called Julian.

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00:06:29.272 --> 00:06:32.932
Hello, I'm Leslie Giles, Project Development Manager for Island Green

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00:06:33.032 --> 00:06:36.232
Power. Um, happy to be called Leslie or Ms.

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00:06:36.252 --> 00:06:37.672
Giles.

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00:06:39.012 --> 00:06:41.072
Uh, Jane Crichton on behalf of the applicant.

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00:06:41.132 --> 00:06:44.512
I'm Associate Planning Director at LandPro. Happy to be referred to as Ms.

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00:06:44.532 --> 00:06:47.332
Crichton. Thank you.

114
00:06:49.212 --> 00:06:51.632
Hi, Charlotte Estrella on behalf of the applicant.

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00:06:51.672 --> 00:06:54.292
I'm a senior EIA consultant at LandPro.

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00:06:54.452 --> 00:06:56.492
Happy to be referred to as Miss

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00:06:56.572 --> 00:06:58.532
Estrella.

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00:07:02.432 --> 00:07:06.192
Thank you all. I'm now going to ask those affected persons who have given

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00:07:06.202 --> 00:07:09.902
notice of their intention to speak today to introduce themselves.

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00:07:09.932 --> 00:07:13.132
When I state your name, could you please introduce yourself to confirm your name

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00:07:13.192 --> 00:07:17.092
and who you represent if relevant, and provide a brief summary of your interest

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in the land, uh, which would be affected by the proposed

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00:07:20.132 --> 00:07:23.892
development. Please state how you would wish to be addressed, i.e.

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00:07:23.952 --> 00:07:27.732
Mr., Mrs., Ms., et cetera. Thank you.

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00:07:29.912 --> 00:07:32.922
Um, if we could start with National Highways, I believe we, we've got National

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00:07:32.972 --> 00:07:35.292
Highways joining us online.

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00:07:36.352 --> 00:07:40.232
Uh, Mrs. Vicky Fowler, I'm a, um, partner and solicitor at

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00:07:40.272 --> 00:07:43.592
Gowling WLG, and I'm joined by, uh, Miss

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00:07:43.652 --> 00:07:47.292
Brittany, uh, Grosvenor Assistant Spatial Planner at National

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00:07:47.372 --> 00:07:50.992
Highways. Um, I'm happy to be referred to as

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00:07:51.032 --> 00:07:54.912
Mrs. Fowler. Um, National Highways have, uh, plots

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00:07:54.952 --> 00:07:58.452
included in the book of reference that are affected by temporary

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00:07:58.492 --> 00:08:01.792
possession and compulsory acquisition of rights and restrictive

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00:08:01.852 --> 00:08:05.812
covenants. Um, there's no proposals to permanently acquire

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00:08:05.852 --> 00:08:09.592
the freehold of, uh, National Highways land.

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00:08:11.072 --> 00:08:12.162
Thank you.

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00:08:12.162 --> 00:08:15.652
Thank you, Mrs. Fowler. Um, turning now to Surian

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00:08:15.712 --> 00:08:19.611
Partridge, please. If you could introduce yourself, um, and confirm
your

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00:08:19.692 --> 00:08:23.342
name, uh, who you represent if relevant, provide a summary of your
interest in the

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00:08:23.412 --> 00:08:24.652
land and your title,

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00:08:24.692 --> 00:08:28.892
please.

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00:08:31.492 --> 00:08:35.432
Hello, my name's Surian Partridge and I'm representing my family,

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00:08:35.532 --> 00:08:35.952
um,

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00:08:36.912 --> 00:08:40.792
for the, um, opposition of the acquisition land that we

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00:08:40.852 --> 00:08:44.732
feel is unnecessary, um, that a different route can

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00:08:44.771 --> 00:08:48.472
be taken, and I'm, um, happy to be referred to as Mrs.

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00:08:48.512 --> 00:08:51.012
Partridge.

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00:08:54.812 --> 00:08:58.512
Thank you, Mrs. Partridge. I believe we have Matthew Partridge.

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00:08:58.552 --> 00:09:01.292
Um, if you, yeah, thank... If you could just confirm your, your name
and-

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00:09:01.302 --> 00:09:01.782
Yeah, hello there.

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00:09:01.782 --> 00:09:02.172
... interests et cetera.

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00:09:02.232 --> 00:09:05.492
Uh, my name's Matthew Partridge. Um, you can refer to me as Mr.

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00:09:05.512 --> 00:09:09.332
Partridge. Um, I'm speaking on behalf of my mother,

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00:09:09.372 --> 00:09:12.452

who's the landowner. Um, thank

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00:09:12.492 --> 00:09:13.832

you.

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00:09:15.432 --> 00:09:17.782

Thank you. Um, turning to Sheena Howell

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00:09:17.872 --> 00:09:20.592

please.

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00:09:26.992 --> 00:09:30.912

Good afternoon. Sheena Howell Brendan, I'm speaking on behalf of myself and my

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00:09:30.952 --> 00:09:34.892

husband, Mr. Martin Howell, uh, with reference to our private right

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00:09:34.932 --> 00:09:38.652

of way across several plots of land, uh, some of which are owned by the

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00:09:38.672 --> 00:09:41.932

grid, some of which are owned by the Skinner family.

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00:09:41.952 --> 00:09:43.532

Thank you.

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00:09:43.572 --> 00:09:44.192

Thank you.

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00:09:45.092 --> 00:09:48.652

Uh, and John Hope, please.

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00:09:49.872 --> 00:09:53.172

Good afternoon, it's John Hope representing, uh, Trinity Land

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Limited, owners of the

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approach to the proposed battery s- scheme,

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00:10:00.632 --> 00:10:02.792
uh, cable laying.

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00:10:05.012 --> 00:10:08.612
And lastly, Helen Elderkin, um, who I believe is online with us today.

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00:10:08.652 --> 00:10:11.392
Thank you.

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00:10:14.212 --> 00:10:16.802
Hello, it's Helen Elderkin, I'm resident of...

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00:10:16.852 --> 00:10:20.512
Um, and it's to do with, uh, subsoil rights

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00:10:20.812 --> 00:10:24.711
and rights of way over the substation

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00:10:24.992 --> 00:10:27.692
title deed.

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00:10:29.332 --> 00:10:31.392
Thank you.

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00:10:33.112 --> 00:10:34.492
So now bearing in mind

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00:10:34.672 --> 00:10:39.132
the...

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00:10:40.692 --> 00:10:44.052
Sorry. Sorry, um, I believe we do have Mr.

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00:10:44.172 --> 00:10:47.031
Livesey as well, if you'd like to, um, put your hand up. Sorry, Mr.

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00:10:47.052 --> 00:10:49.031
Livesey.

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00:10:51.112 --> 00:10:53.372
I'm, I'm Bernard

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00:10:53.892 --> 00:10:55.672
Livesey,

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00:10:55.832 --> 00:10:59.792
Livesey, and I

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00:10:59.832 --> 00:11:01.771
am speaking on behalf of myself

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00:11:02.752 --> 00:11:03.531
and my wife

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00:11:04.352 --> 00:11:06.392
and the village of Eastern

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00:11:06.492 --> 00:11:08.572
Morded.

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00:11:09.752 --> 00:11:10.642
You can call me

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00:11:12.031 --> 00:11:15.992
Bernard Livesey, Mr. Livesey, whatever.

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00:11:17.952 --> 00:11:21.752
Thank you.

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00:11:23.712 --> 00:11:27.592
So now bearing in mind the purpose of today is to hear from persons
with a

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00:11:27.632 --> 00:11:31.552
legal interest in the land affected by the proposed development, if
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00:11:31.592 --> 00:11:35.552
could ask if there is anyone else in attendance today who wishes to

speak, please

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00:11:35.672 --> 00:11:37.202
raise your hand firstly in the

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00:11:37.271 --> 00:11:40.292
room.

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00:11:41.692 --> 00:11:45.562
I can't see any hands at all in the room so turning now to those
online, please.

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00:11:45.592 --> 00:11:47.392
And please indicate if you wish to speak

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00:11:47.432 --> 00:11:53.232
today.

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00:11:55.771 --> 00:11:59.692
Okay, so nobody's in, nobody else has interest, um, indicated an
interest

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00:11:59.732 --> 00:12:03.332
in speaking. Um, I'm turning now to, um, Mrs.

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Norman and matters for discussion at this hearing. Thank you.

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00:12:08.675 --> 00:12:12.415
Thank you. Um, so turning to, um, agenda

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00:12:12.455 --> 00:12:15.496
item 3.1, which will be a summary of cases from affected

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persons. Um, so I will ask you in turn,

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00:12:19.325 --> 00:12:23.165
um, to summarize your cases with respect to the compulsory
acquisition and,

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00:12:23.215 --> 00:12:26.915
and/or temporary possession powers sought by the applicant.

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00:12:27.016 --> 00:12:30.675
Um, in explaining your cases, it would be useful if you could
consider the

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00:12:30.736 --> 00:12:34.396
powers sought by... whether the powers sought do or do not accord
with

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00:12:34.455 --> 00:12:38.406
conditions stated in Section 122 of the Planning Act and

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00:12:38.455 --> 00:12:42.075
the, um, guidance related to procedures for the compulsory

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00:12:42.136 --> 00:12:45.656
acquisition of land. Um, and then I'll give the applicant

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00:12:45.675 --> 00:12:49.496
opportunity to respond to any cases made by affected persons
following

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00:12:49.596 --> 00:12:53.575
that. Um, so if I just take, um, the list as we have

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00:12:53.636 --> 00:12:56.856
got it before me, if we start with, uh, National Highways. Mrs.

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00:12:56.915 --> 00:13:00.475
Fowler, would you like to, uh, begin? Thank you.

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00:13:00.496 --> 00:13:04.435
Y- yeah. This is, uh, Vicky Fowler on behalf of

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00:13:04.555 --> 00:13:07.136
National Highways. Um, thank- thank you, ma'am.

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00:13:07.175 --> 00:13:10.435
Um, yeah, so effectively the compulsory acquisition

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00:13:10.496 --> 00:13:14.325
powers, um, sought in terms of National Highways,

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00:13:14.415 --> 00:13:17.896
um, land, um, are indicated to be

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00:13:17.915 --> 00:13:21.536
acquisition of rights and imposition of restrictive covenants under Article

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00:13:21.776 --> 00:13:24.856
24 and temporary possession under Article

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00:13:25.175 --> 00:13:28.915
31. There's no proposals to permanently acquire the freehold

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00:13:29.195 --> 00:13:31.096
interest of National Highways land.

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00:13:31.756 --> 00:13:35.636
Um, the land affected and included in the book of reference includes, um,

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00:13:36.376 --> 00:13:39.955
stretches of the A45, including the highway verge and central

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00:13:39.996 --> 00:13:43.406
reservation. Um, and effectively those...

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00:13:43.435 --> 00:13:47.266
obviously that- that's land occupied, um, and owned by National Highways for the

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00:13:47.315 --> 00:13:51.126
purpose of its undertaking. Um, National

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00:13:51.175 --> 00:13:54.596
Highways' overall complaint is that to grant the applicant possession

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00:13:54.715 --> 00:13:58.496

powers over the str- strategic, uh, road network would have

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significant safety implications if not properly and

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00:14:02.496 --> 00:14:06.356

proportionately controlled, um, and the expectation is that will be

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00:14:06.376 --> 00:14:09.715

through the, um, protective provisions.

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Um, because otherwise, um, National Highways would have the protection of Section

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00:14:13.075 --> 00:14:16.925

50 of the New Roads and Street Works Act, um, including National

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00:14:16.935 --> 00:14:20.145

Highways need to consider the safety implications of, um,

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00:14:20.435 --> 00:14:23.455

possessions by the applicant.

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00:14:24.475 --> 00:14:26.006

Um, so we do acknowledge that deadline...

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00:14:26.016 --> 00:14:29.815

the Deadline One DCO does include at paragraph

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00:14:29.876 --> 00:14:33.396

58.3 of Part Six of Schedule 15

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00:14:34.055 --> 00:14:37.896

a list of articles where National Highways' consent is

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00:14:37.935 --> 00:14:40.516

required, um, and that does cover Article

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00:14:40.795 --> 00:14:44.616

21, 25, 31, which is temporary,

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00:14:44.695 --> 00:14:48.205
um, use of land, um, for construction, and

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00:14:48.235 --> 00:14:50.925
32, which is for maintaining the authorized

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00:14:50.925 --> 00:14:54.705
developments. And that's helpful, but at the moment missing from

248
00:14:54.756 --> 00:14:58.725
that is Article 24, which is compulsory

249
00:14:58.756 --> 00:15:02.235
acquisition of rights and restrictive covenants, and Article

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00:15:02.616 --> 00:15:06.016
30, which deals with the right to enter,

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00:15:06.075 --> 00:15:09.836
um, and use subsoil or airspace. Um,

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00:15:09.975 --> 00:15:13.555
so clearly we will be discussing with the applicant that those,
those provisions

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00:15:13.616 --> 00:15:14.756
need to be added.

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00:15:16.136 --> 00:15:19.795
Um, but just in relation to the rights and restrictive covenants
that are being

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00:15:19.915 --> 00:15:23.606
sought, um, so effectively we've got two

256
00:15:23.715 --> 00:15:24.584
plots, uh,

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00:15:25.935 --> 00:15:29.735
12, uh, 127 and 12, 128. And as I say, that's the

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00:15:29.776 --> 00:15:33.675

A45 highway verge and central reservation, and there's

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00:15:33.735 --> 00:15:36.996

a long list of rights beginning on page 94 of the

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00:15:37.036 --> 00:15:40.996

DCO running to page 96, and not all of those rights

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00:15:41.016 --> 00:15:43.836

are necessarily, um, subsoil rights.

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00:15:43.896 --> 00:15:44.175

So

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00:15:44.975 --> 00:15:47.876

I think effectively National Highways do need a full understanding

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00:15:47.996 --> 00:15:51.865

of, um, those rights and how they will,

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00:15:51.935 --> 00:15:55.636

uh, co-exist with NH in- interests and the operation of the

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00:15:55.695 --> 00:15:59.536

SRN. Um, finally, we would

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00:15:59.596 --> 00:16:03.276

just note that the book of reference has been updated to reflect National Highways'

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00:16:03.356 --> 00:16:07.215

comments, uh, regarding the dr- detrunked highway and we don't have any further

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00:16:07.276 --> 00:16:10.555

comments regarding the, the book of reference.

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00:16:10.575 --> 00:16:14.496

But that's, um, that's all of my representations on, on this

particular

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00:16:14.575 --> 00:16:17.136
item. Thank you.

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00:16:20.795 --> 00:16:23.396
Thank you, Mrs. Fowler. Now if I just hand over to Ms.

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00:16:23.435 --> 00:16:26.156
Brodrick, did you want to come back on, or your colleagues, on any
of those

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00:16:26.195 --> 00:16:27.435
points?

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00:16:27.536 --> 00:16:29.935
Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant. Uh, thank you.

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00:16:29.955 --> 00:16:33.516
Um, yes, as was mentioned in, um, the issue-specific hearing three

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00:16:34.116 --> 00:16:38.016
earlier, discussions are ongoing, um, with National Highways in
relation

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00:16:38.195 --> 00:16:41.815
to, um, protective provisions. Um, the

279
00:16:41.896 --> 00:16:45.435
works that, um, are to be undertaken in terms of the

280
00:16:45.455 --> 00:16:49.175
installation of the cable underneath, um, the strategic

281
00:16:49.235 --> 00:16:52.965
road network, um, can be undertaken under the street

282
00:16:52.995 --> 00:16:56.185
works powers under the DCO. So that provides for a

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00:16:56.215 --> 00:17:00.126

power to place apparatus underneath, um,

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00:17:00.235 --> 00:17:04.036

the highway. However, we did ask the question of National Highways as to

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00:17:04.076 --> 00:17:07.795

whether they also required a, uh, property agreement to be entered

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00:17:07.836 --> 00:17:11.715

into, so a, a deed of easement. Um, they have confirmed that they would like

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00:17:11.876 --> 00:17:15.856

a deed of easement. Um, the applicant is, is more than happy to, to

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00:17:15.896 --> 00:17:19.755

negotiate a deed of easement, um, with National Highways, but obviously

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00:17:19.766 --> 00:17:23.576

until the terms of that property agreement are agreed,

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00:17:23.675 --> 00:17:27.536

um, the applicant doesn't feel like it can include a restriction on the use

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00:17:27.596 --> 00:17:31.576

of compulsory acquisition powers because that would provi- uh, would constitute

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00:17:31.596 --> 00:17:35.315

an impediment to the delivery, uh, of the scheme.

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00:17:35.416 --> 00:17:39.286

Um, so that's why that particular power has been omitted from the list at

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00:17:39.356 --> 00:17:40.995

the moment. Um,

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00:17:42.136 --> 00:17:46.096

in terms of actual works, as has been described, um,

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00:17:46.196 --> 00:17:49.976

earlier, actual works will need to be approved,

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00:17:50.116 --> 00:17:53.775

um, by the, uh, National Highways before they can be undertaken.

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00:17:53.815 --> 00:17:57.755

So in terms of safety, the actual technical details of the works

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00:17:57.826 --> 00:18:00.186

are controlled and will need to be improved.

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00:18:00.216 --> 00:18:03.906

What we're talking about here is a property right, as distinct from

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00:18:03.936 --> 00:18:07.156

technical approval, and the applicant's position, as is the case

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00:18:07.226 --> 00:18:10.946

with all statutory undertakers where, uh, a property

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00:18:11.036 --> 00:18:14.755

right is required in addition to technical approval, is that the

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00:18:14.795 --> 00:18:17.056

powers in the DCO should apply, um-

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00:18:17.128 --> 00:18:20.668

... to that, so it doesn't, uh, create an impediment to delivery of the

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00:18:20.708 --> 00:18:24.298

scheme. Um, so at the moment, um, that is in-

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00:18:24.348 --> 00:18:27.978

intentionally omitted, but should we be able to reach agreement on the

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00:18:28.008 --> 00:18:31.818

terms of a voluntary agreement, then the applicant would be willing to include that

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00:18:31.848 --> 00:18:34.948
restriction in- in- in the DCO. Thank

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00:18:35.008 --> 00:18:36.668
you.

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00:18:38.678 --> 00:18:41.948
Thank you very much. Uh, Mrs. Fowler, um, was that helpful to you?

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00:18:41.958 --> 00:18:45.888
Is there anything else you wanted to say on that? I see a hand up.

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00:18:51.328 --> 00:18:54.548
Sorry, Mrs. Fowler, you're still on mute.

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00:18:55.228 --> 00:18:56.578
(laughs)

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00:18:56.578 --> 00:18:59.488
Sorry. Mrs. Vicky Fowler on behalf of National Highways.

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00:18:59.528 --> 00:19:03.438
Um, I- I would just note the point that in terms of the tests and statutory

317
00:19:03.508 --> 00:19:07.328
undertakers and concern about material detriment, in

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00:19:07.468 --> 00:19:11.408
terms of the rights that are sought, um, I mean, as I say, they-

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00:19:11.468 --> 00:19:15.368
they run, they run from the bottom of page 94 over to 95 and- and- and it's

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00:19:15.428 --> 00:19:17.948
not just in relation to cable works.

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00:19:18.348 --> 00:19:22.158
Um, there's- there's a huge list of- of works and- and we're talking about

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00:19:22.528 --> 00:19:26.288
the service of the A45, the verges of the A45, and the

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00:19:26.308 --> 00:19:29.468
central reservation. So, I think at the moment, without that

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00:19:29.548 --> 00:19:31.888
detail, um, you know,

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00:19:33.048 --> 00:19:36.748
in terms of what- what- what the easement is and- and what's actually

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00:19:36.788 --> 00:19:40.488
being sought, we certainly can't- can't, um,

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00:19:40.668 --> 00:19:44.408
recommend to you that the,

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00:19:44.468 --> 00:19:48.188
um, you know, the effectively, the compulsory acquisition of that right,

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00:19:48.828 --> 00:19:52.488
um, wouldn't fall foul of, um, section,

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00:19:52.588 --> 00:19:55.888
um, dealing with the statue undertaker's lands and- and material

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00:19:55.968 --> 00:19:59.338
detiment. But as- but as,

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00:19:59.408 --> 00:20:03.028
um, Ms. Brodrick has, um, has acknowledged, obviously, we will

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00:20:03.108 --> 00:20:06.888
continue discussions and we can continue to make representations depending on where

334
00:20:06.928 --> 00:20:08.868
an agreement's reached.

335
00:20:11.188 --> 00:20:13.228
Thank you, Mrs. Fowler, that's helpful. Uh, Ms.

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00:20:13.268 --> 00:20:16.388
Brodrick, did you want to come back on any further?

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00:20:16.508 --> 00:20:17.788
Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:20:17.798 --> 00:20:21.178
Um, just to add that obviously there are a- a wide...

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00:20:21.178 --> 00:20:25.128
The- the rights are consistent, um, for the- the cable,

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00:20:25.188 --> 00:20:28.318
uh, route corridor. They apply to all of the plots.

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00:20:28.408 --> 00:20:31.928
Um, however, when it comes to actually exercising compulsory
acquisition

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00:20:31.988 --> 00:20:35.628
powers, um, you can only, um, seek, uh, the

343
00:20:35.688 --> 00:20:37.548
rights that you actually require for the scheme.

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00:20:37.558 --> 00:20:41.538
So, to the extent that, um, as is here, the rights, um,

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00:20:41.728 --> 00:20:45.328
relate to, um, cable works that will be

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00:20:45.368 --> 00:20:49.268
installed by directional drilling, for example, um, then those
rights would

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00:20:49.308 --> 00:20:52.948

be consistent with, um, the path. So they wouldn't, it wouldn't include a

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00:20:52.988 --> 00:20:56.928

right to, um, go onto the surface of- of the

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00:20:56.968 --> 00:21:00.458

road. Similarly, those private rights don't, um,

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00:21:00.688 --> 00:21:02.468

override other statutory protections.

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00:21:02.488 --> 00:21:06.128

So, to the extent that, um, works to highways need to be

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00:21:06.228 --> 00:21:09.768

authorized, whether under the DCO or otherwise, all of those other protections for

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00:21:09.808 --> 00:21:13.588

highway land would still apply. This- we're talking about a property, um,

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00:21:13.648 --> 00:21:17.268

right, rather than, um, powers to do works

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00:21:17.368 --> 00:21:21.028

to- to the public highway. So the applicant's position is that there wouldn't

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00:21:21.168 --> 00:21:24.988

be any serious detriment to the undertaking of National Highways because

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00:21:25.048 --> 00:21:29.028

all works are controlled by the protective provisions or general

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00:21:29.268 --> 00:21:32.588

prohibitions on carrying out works to public highways without

359
00:21:32.628 --> 00:21:35.808
consent. Thank you.

360
00:21:35.868 --> 00:21:38.548
Thank you very much. Uh, Mrs. Fowler, you've got your hand

361
00:21:38.608 --> 00:21:39.918
up.

362
00:21:41.088 --> 00:21:44.338
Uh, Mrs. Vicky Fowler on behalf of Nation- National

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00:21:44.388 --> 00:21:47.748
Highways. I think- I think it's in the context of- of- of the form
of the right

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00:21:47.788 --> 00:21:51.728
and- and what- and what that looks like, but I- I- I do wonder,

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00:21:51.788 --> 00:21:55.708
um, and we've got a long list- long list of plots, and I don't see
why, um, the

366
00:21:55.728 --> 00:21:59.278
particular plots that we're talking about, 127 and 112-

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00:21:59.278 --> 00:22:03.238
128, couldn't have their own row and would be very clear about

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00:22:03.248 --> 00:22:06.928
what- what is it that that easement is going to cover?

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00:22:06.948 --> 00:22:10.768
If it deals... If it's dealing with just the cable, then I don't see
why there

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00:22:10.808 --> 00:22:14.738
needs to be reference, for example, um,

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00:22:14.788 --> 00:22:18.748
drainage. You know, manage water flows, drainage water courses.

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00:22:18.768 --> 00:22:22.348

What else have we got? Um, visibility splays, bridges, road

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00:22:22.408 --> 00:22:26.388

widening. It- it... The- the- the list,

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00:22:26.408 --> 00:22:30.178

the list goes on. You know, um, right to maintain, inspect and

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00:22:30.208 --> 00:22:32.488

replant trees and hedgerows, et cetera.

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00:22:32.528 --> 00:22:35.668

So- so again, I think it's, I think it's just trying to be narrower on what is

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00:22:35.768 --> 00:22:39.748

it, what is it that that easement is going to cover so we can be

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00:22:39.808 --> 00:22:42.588

clear that that easement can subsist

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00:22:42.708 --> 00:22:46.108

with... And- and not- and not cause material

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00:22:46.188 --> 00:22:50.048

detriment. But as I say, we will, we will continue discussions with the

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00:22:50.088 --> 00:22:52.288

applicants.

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00:22:53.128 --> 00:22:57.068

Thank you, Mrs. Fowler. Um, Ms. Brodrick, did you want to come back again or are

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00:22:57.088 --> 00:23:00.368

you happy that I leave that with you behind the scenes to discuss

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00:23:00.408 --> 00:23:01.408

further?

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00:23:01.418 --> 00:23:02.658

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:23:02.728 --> 00:23:05.518

Um, the last point that was made is noted and we'll give consideration as to

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00:23:05.548 --> 00:23:09.478

whether it would be helpful to, um, separate, um, these

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00:23:09.488 --> 00:23:13.248

particular plots in their- in their own row. Thank you.

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00:23:14.868 --> 00:23:18.128

I- I think we heard this morning, didn't we, that, uh, you've got a meeting

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00:23:18.188 --> 00:23:22.128

scheduled for the 16th of December, so, um, perhaps we

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00:23:22.168 --> 00:23:25.968

could get an update at deadline four, uh, early in the new year

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00:23:26.168 --> 00:23:29.448

on progress on that? Thank you.

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00:23:31.188 --> 00:23:34.808

Uh, Mrs. Fowler and Mrs. Grosvenor, you're welcome to stay for the rest of the

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00:23:34.868 --> 00:23:38.428

session, but if- if you've got other meetings or things that you need to go to, by

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00:23:38.448 --> 00:23:41.188

all means don't feel like you have to remain.

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00:23:41.268 --> 00:23:43.468

Um, it's entirely up to you. Thank you.

397
00:23:46.808 --> 00:23:48.428
Um, okay, so

398
00:23:50.668 --> 00:23:54.548
turning to affected persons. Um, if

399
00:23:54.648 --> 00:23:57.738
we start, uh, with Mr. Livesey, did you want to...

400
00:23:57.768 --> 00:24:01.008
You can either have the microphone or, if you prefer, you can come
up to the front

401
00:24:01.048 --> 00:24:03.868
table. It's whatever you're most comfortable with.

402
00:24:04.928 --> 00:24:05.008
Can I speak into the microphone?

403
00:24:05.028 --> 00:24:05.448
Of course,

404
00:24:05.488 --> 00:24:17.048
yeah.

405
00:24:20.159 --> 00:24:23.100
My name is Bernard Livesey,

406
00:24:24.600 --> 00:24:26.340
and I live

407
00:24:27.320 --> 00:24:30.139
in Eastern Mordant.

408
00:24:30.980 --> 00:24:34.159
I'm, uh, making this

409
00:24:34.220 --> 00:24:35.260
representation

410

00:24:36.220 --> 00:24:40.199
on my own behalf, that of my wife, who is

411
00:24:40.220 --> 00:24:43.840
a joint owner of the house,

412
00:24:44.840 --> 00:24:48.379
and on behalf of the village, for whom I

413
00:24:48.460 --> 00:24:50.620
make, uh, uh, assist in making

414
00:24:50.629 --> 00:24:53.500
representations.

415
00:24:54.840 --> 00:24:58.570
(clears throat) I'm concerned with the Book of

416
00:24:58.659 --> 00:25:00.399
Reference, Part One,

417
00:25:01.199 --> 00:25:02.699
the property

418
00:25:03.720 --> 00:25:06.460
with a number on plans of

419
00:25:06.600 --> 00:25:10.060
14195,

420
00:25:11.300 --> 00:25:13.610
which is an application for temporary

421
00:25:13.980 --> 00:25:17.510
possession, and it's found on the Book of

422
00:25:17.620 --> 00:25:20.879
Reference, Part 1, at page

423
00:25:21.560 --> 00:25:24.419
179.

424
00:25:24.429 --> 00:25:28.280
(clears throat) Um, the first thing to say is

425
00:25:29.320 --> 00:25:33.169
that, um, um,

426
00:25:34.800 --> 00:25:38.720
th- this, um, issue, uh, you can see the land

427
00:25:38.760 --> 00:25:42.520
as described. It's lying west

428
00:25:43.000 --> 00:25:45.820
of St. Peter and St. Paul's Church,

429
00:25:46.939 --> 00:25:50.639
uh, in the parish of Eastern Mordant, and what is

430
00:25:50.659 --> 00:25:54.060
requested is the, um,

431
00:25:54.360 --> 00:25:57.939
th- uh, up to and including the, um,

432
00:25:59.040 --> 00:26:02.460
highway, up to the center of the highway,

433
00:26:03.720 --> 00:26:07.360
um, uh, the temporary possession for purposes

434
00:26:07.399 --> 00:26:10.340
which aren't specified.

435
00:26:11.580 --> 00:26:14.970
Um, in fact, the, uh,

436
00:26:15.120 --> 00:26:18.949
appearance of this land appeared in what was,

437

00:26:18.980 --> 00:26:22.460
uh, described as a targeted consultation

438
00:26:23.419 --> 00:26:25.480
information brochure.

439
00:26:27.199 --> 00:26:31.069
Uh, you will find the, um,

440
00:26:31.719 --> 00:26:35.300
information in relation to it and a diagram

441
00:26:36.580 --> 00:26:40.520
on the targeted consultation information brochure

442
00:26:40.659 --> 00:26:42.760
at page 19.

443
00:26:44.020 --> 00:26:47.800
The item was number 21,

444
00:26:48.860 --> 00:26:52.379
and it shows the connection

445
00:26:52.919 --> 00:26:53.780
between

446
00:26:54.600 --> 00:26:57.639
the church, which is in the center of the

447
00:26:57.800 --> 00:27:01.659
plan. There is then a gap,

448
00:27:01.780 --> 00:27:05.740
and after a short distance, there

449
00:27:05.820 --> 00:27:09.760
is the, uh, the, the rest of the road to the

450
00:27:10.020 --> 00:27:13.600
west of the church, the west side of the

451
00:27:13.719 --> 00:27:14.379
church,

452
00:27:15.419 --> 00:27:18.280
uh, continues up to

453
00:27:19.219 --> 00:27:20.280
and including

454
00:27:21.480 --> 00:27:25.000
half the junction with Eastern Way

455
00:27:26.060 --> 00:27:29.600
at the point where the road

456
00:27:29.620 --> 00:27:33.219
turns round to the right in a

457
00:27:33.300 --> 00:27:36.260
sharp turn going towards

458
00:27:36.840 --> 00:27:38.219
Brendon.

459
00:27:40.199 --> 00:27:44.139
Um, what is perhaps more helpful, and I think

460
00:27:44.179 --> 00:27:46.139
you're more able to

461
00:27:47.000 --> 00:27:49.230
find it on your, uh,

462
00:27:49.280 --> 00:27:51.820
technology, is,

463
00:27:51.919 --> 00:27:55.300
um, a, a map which is

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00:27:55.340 --> 00:27:56.100
described as

465
00:27:56.419 --> 00:28:02.020
App-447.

466
00:28:03.560 --> 00:28:05.879
I don't know if you're able to put that up-

467
00:28:06.800 --> 00:28:07.408
Yes, I can.

468
00:28:07.408 --> 00:28:09.139
... and have a quick look at it.

469
00:28:09.159 --> 00:28:10.600
Yes, of course. Thank you.

470
00:28:10.659 --> 00:28:13.699
Let me take you through it. Now, first of

471
00:28:13.800 --> 00:28:15.580
all, um-

472
00:28:15.600 --> 00:28:18.389
Mr. Livesey, do you want to pause just a minute while they get the map on the

473
00:28:18.460 --> 00:28:18.840
screen?

474
00:28:18.980 --> 00:28:19.199
Oh, yes-

475
00:28:19.219 --> 00:28:20.639
It'll be easier for us to follow.

476
00:28:20.649 --> 00:28:20.860
Well, it's there now. It's there now.

477
00:28:20.879 --> 00:28:21.659

Oh, there it is. Go

478

00:28:24.460 --> 00:28:25.070
ahead.

479

00:28:25.139 --> 00:28:28.879
Um, in center, traveling north on the

480

00:28:28.919 --> 00:28:31.520
plan, is the

481

00:28:31.639 --> 00:28:35.540
A509.

482

00:28:35.740 --> 00:28:39.599
And if you go halfway, just beyond halfway

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00:28:39.679 --> 00:28:43.639
up there, uh, to the left is a

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00:28:43.659 --> 00:28:47.560
road called Eastern Lane, which travels to

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00:28:47.620 --> 00:28:51.260
the village. Now because of

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00:28:51.320 --> 00:28:54.719
something, some words that were used by

487

00:28:55.300 --> 00:28:57.760
the, um, applicant

488

00:28:58.719 --> 00:29:02.610
in response to a question raised, uh,

489

00:29:02.639 --> 00:29:06.620
by me, um, w- what was said

490

00:29:06.679 --> 00:29:07.080
is

491
00:29:08.500 --> 00:29:10.100
that the, uh,

492
00:29:11.000 --> 00:29:14.260
uh, r- reason for wanting this

493
00:29:14.960 --> 00:29:18.600
piece of land added to

494
00:29:18.679 --> 00:29:22.120
the, um, uh, the, the, the, uh,

495
00:29:22.159 --> 00:29:24.060
scheme was

496
00:29:25.000 --> 00:29:27.560
at the point where,

497
00:29:27.639 --> 00:29:29.379
um,

498
00:29:30.620 --> 00:29:34.480
the, the, there is the access requirement

499
00:29:35.240 --> 00:29:38.699
for the cable route corridor, which

500
00:29:38.780 --> 00:29:41.659
travels, um, up

501
00:29:42.840 --> 00:29:46.659
and across the plan. You can see the word

502
00:29:46.760 --> 00:29:47.419
Eastern

503
00:29:48.740 --> 00:29:50.379
of Eastern Mordant,

504
00:29:51.260 --> 00:29:54.340

and the letter T and the letter 0,

505

00:29:55.460 --> 00:29:59.240

um, are in fact crossed

506

00:29:59.360 --> 00:29:59.780

there,

507

00:30:00.740 --> 00:30:03.100

and the, the, the, the

508

00:30:03.620 --> 00:30:06.580

corridor carries on

509

00:30:06.719 --> 00:30:10.480

northwards to the point where you can see

510

00:30:10.659 --> 00:30:13.690

CR22.

511

00:30:15.760 --> 00:30:18.560

That is the point at which,

512

00:30:19.440 --> 00:30:23.320

uh, the corridor, having traveled

513

00:30:23.460 --> 00:30:27.440

from the A509..... comes up

514

00:30:27.880 --> 00:30:31.750

and meets the, uh, uh, uh, a, a road

515

00:30:33.120 --> 00:30:35.180

which to the left would travel

516

00:30:36.100 --> 00:30:36.960

to the

517

00:30:37.780 --> 00:30:41.580

golf links, it's popularly known, and,

518
00:30:41.640 --> 00:30:43.140
but to the right,

519
00:30:43.960 --> 00:30:46.320
it emerges onto

520
00:30:47.180 --> 00:30:50.840
that, um, uh, area which is in dispute.

521
00:30:51.780 --> 00:30:54.900
And we'll follow it along.

522
00:30:55.000 --> 00:30:58.820
CR22 travels to the right and

523
00:30:58.940 --> 00:31:02.580
you can see, if you look quite

524
00:31:02.620 --> 00:31:06.560
closely, um, basically the cross

525
00:31:06.580 --> 00:31:08.600
where the church is.

526
00:31:09.820 --> 00:31:13.640
The church, may I remind you, I think you've heard it

527
00:31:13.680 --> 00:31:17.500
before or read it before, is a Grade I

528
00:31:17.680 --> 00:31:19.340
church, which was built

529
00:31:20.540 --> 00:31:23.980
in, um, uh, um,

530
00:31:24.900 --> 00:31:26.680
1220

531
00:31:28.060 --> 00:31:31.559

and i- is therefore just over seven years-

532
00:31:32.040 --> 00:31:35.990
700 years old. (gasps)

533
00:31:36.000 --> 00:31:39.680
So, um, th- that is

534
00:31:39.860 --> 00:31:40.920
where it is,

535
00:31:42.420 --> 00:31:46.180
and the objection that I have is,

536
00:31:46.780 --> 00:31:49.860
and that people in our village have,

537
00:31:50.800 --> 00:31:52.620
is that there appears to be

538
00:31:53.640 --> 00:31:57.040
no real sensible purpose

539
00:31:57.700 --> 00:32:01.440
for having that, uh, uh, uh, that, um,

540
00:32:02.180 --> 00:32:06.140
land between the CR22

541
00:32:06.200 --> 00:32:06.620
dot

542
00:32:07.640 --> 00:32:08.800
and the church

543
00:32:09.680 --> 00:32:13.640
actually handed over and included in part of

544
00:32:13.680 --> 00:32:15.680
the scheme.

545
00:32:17.180 --> 00:32:20.820
Uh, because at the point where

546
00:32:20.940 --> 00:32:23.160
CR22 lies,

547
00:32:24.400 --> 00:32:25.560
um, the

548
00:32:26.600 --> 00:32:30.360
cables will be presumably laid

549
00:32:30.700 --> 00:32:33.480
over on top of the, th- the

550
00:32:33.660 --> 00:32:37.499
dot, and then will travel on their way

551
00:32:38.220 --> 00:32:38.920
somehow

552
00:32:39.920 --> 00:32:43.760
to Grendon. And you will

553
00:32:43.880 --> 00:32:47.820
see, uh, where the words

554
00:32:47.940 --> 00:32:48.740
Crossing

555
00:32:49.740 --> 00:32:52.949
F1W,

556
00:32:54.220 --> 00:32:56.480
uh, the C of crossing,

557
00:32:57.520 --> 00:32:58.960
um,

558
00:33:00.600 --> 00:33:03.940

i- is the v- virtually the point at which

559

00:33:04.640 --> 00:33:08.540
the cable, um, um, route

560

00:33:08.660 --> 00:33:11.080
corridor continues up to

561

00:33:11.200 --> 00:33:14.580
CC4 and then on its way to the

562

00:33:14.660 --> 00:33:17.820
Grendon, uh, connection.

563

00:33:19.080 --> 00:33:20.220
Now, um,

564

00:33:22.400 --> 00:33:26.280
what I need to do now is, um, tell you

565

00:33:26.400 --> 00:33:27.140
what it is

566

00:33:28.020 --> 00:33:31.200
has been said about it.

567

00:33:32.300 --> 00:33:35.660
First of all, um, may I give you a

568

00:33:35.720 --> 00:33:39.470
reference? There's Eastern... Uh, uh,

569

00:33:39.680 --> 00:33:43.040
it's the applicant's responses to relevant

570

00:33:43.180 --> 00:33:47.080
representations. Uh, it's dated

571

00:33:47.120 --> 00:33:50.000
in November 2025.

572
00:33:50.860 --> 00:33:54.720
It is 5.5 on

573
00:33:54.780 --> 00:33:57.860
that document, uh, at page

574
00:33:58.140 --> 00:34:01.280
359 of the

575
00:34:01.380 --> 00:34:04.940
document. A- and it's the table

576
00:34:05.660 --> 00:34:09.440
where the points were taken and responses

577
00:34:09.639 --> 00:34:12.760
given by the applicants to points

578
00:34:13.220 --> 00:34:16.199
made, uh, by, uh, the

579
00:34:16.280 --> 00:34:19.340
village.

580
00:34:19.500 --> 00:34:21.720
Um,

581
00:34:21.729 --> 00:34:27.520
(pauses)

582
00:34:29.760 --> 00:34:30.580
at page

583
00:34:33.580 --> 00:34:35.520
370,

584
00:34:37.639 --> 00:34:40.520
uh, a point was made by way of

585
00:34:40.560 --> 00:34:44.280

response. Um,

586

00:34:45.418 --> 00:34:49.159

I'll tell you what the, um, uh, the village said first.

587

00:34:49.760 --> 00:34:50.659

It's referenced

588

00:34:50.860 --> 00:34:56.580

EMPM-007,

589

00:34:57.880 --> 00:35:01.460

where, uh, point number seven was

590

00:35:01.540 --> 00:35:01.950

made

591

00:35:02.820 --> 00:35:06.420

and it says this, uh, from line

592

00:35:06.560 --> 00:35:10.360

f- uh, seven. "As regards the

593

00:35:10.480 --> 00:35:14.300

so-called targeted consultation,

594

00:35:14.360 --> 00:35:17.800

they require proper justification," that is to say the

595

00:35:17.980 --> 00:35:21.740

villagers require, "proper justification of the

596

00:35:21.780 --> 00:35:25.320

late decision by the applicant to add a request to

597

00:35:25.380 --> 00:35:28.800

enlarge the scope of the land requirements of the

598

00:35:28.860 --> 00:35:29.400

scheme

599
00:35:30.260 --> 00:35:33.920
to control in a non-particularized manner a

600
00:35:33.980 --> 00:35:37.520
highway specified, including in particular

601
00:35:38.280 --> 00:35:42.220
one segment over Eastern Way between the west door of

602
00:35:42.280 --> 00:35:46.140
the church and the end of that road, a road that

603
00:35:46.160 --> 00:35:49.940
the applicants had regularly assured residents would not

604
00:35:50.000 --> 00:35:53.190
be used for access to the site."

605
00:35:53.920 --> 00:35:57.040
Um, the response to that point

606
00:35:57.880 --> 00:35:59.940
in the right-hand column

607
00:36:00.880 --> 00:36:02.580
is this.

608
00:36:03.660 --> 00:36:05.200
"Eastern Way

609
00:36:06.200 --> 00:36:09.800
may be used by construction workers

610
00:36:12.260 --> 00:36:14.680
and will be used to connect the

611
00:36:14.740 --> 00:36:18.340
A509 to the Green Hill

612
00:36:18.760 --> 00:36:22.560

F and cable connection corridor entrance

613
00:36:22.760 --> 00:36:25.560
points.

614
00:36:26.880 --> 00:36:30.060
The extended areas are in place to allow

615
00:36:30.140 --> 00:36:33.740
flexibility for potential traffic

616
00:36:33.920 --> 00:36:37.401
management measures."... such as

617
00:36:37.452 --> 00:36:41.172
temporary speed limits. More

618
00:36:41.292 --> 00:36:44.591
specifically, the comments appear to

619
00:36:44.611 --> 00:36:48.192
relate to access CR22

620
00:36:49.292 --> 00:36:53.091
as presented in ES sites and cable route

621
00:36:53.232 --> 00:36:56.011
corridor south area at

622
00:36:56.511 --> 00:36:57.912
447.

623
00:36:59.611 --> 00:37:02.841
This provides access to the cable co- ...

624
00:37:02.892 --> 00:37:06.631
Route corridor and would be accessed

625
00:37:07.172 --> 00:37:08.651
via Green Hill F

626
00:37:09.971 --> 00:37:13.352
and a further access to the west.

627
00:37:13.432 --> 00:37:14.872
Now,

628
00:37:15.872 --> 00:37:19.551
that's all that's said. It is

629
00:37:19.631 --> 00:37:23.591
used for access, but the whole road is used for

630
00:37:23.712 --> 00:37:26.232
access. What's wrong with

631
00:37:26.332 --> 00:37:30.131
that? It is not suggested

632
00:37:30.332 --> 00:37:33.562
that it is a means of, um,

633
00:37:35.031 --> 00:37:39.022
e- e- essential means for, um, uh, w-

634
00:37:39.022 --> 00:37:42.471
work to be done. And, uh,

635
00:37:42.531 --> 00:37:44.212
um, the village

636
00:37:45.312 --> 00:37:46.272
is upset

637
00:37:47.212 --> 00:37:49.591
that, um, this should be

638
00:37:49.712 --> 00:37:52.732
required, uh, and in particular,

639
00:37:52.772 --> 00:37:56.622

required to be in place,

640

00:37:56.732 --> 00:38:00.672
um, for a temporary basis, but not a basis which

641

00:38:00.732 --> 00:38:02.022
has got, um,

642

00:38:02.952 --> 00:38:06.832
a, a, a, a period in it. The, the, the, the working is going to

643

00:38:06.892 --> 00:38:10.631
take 18 months, two years, it is said, to do the

644

00:38:10.732 --> 00:38:14.692
work, but which bit of that should be

645

00:38:14.832 --> 00:38:18.702
allowed? And what the village doesn't want is

646

00:38:18.732 --> 00:38:22.471
that the whole, uh, street should be

647

00:38:22.551 --> 00:38:25.212
blocked up. So I

648

00:38:27.051 --> 00:38:28.611
remind you, if I may,

649

00:38:29.511 --> 00:38:32.672
of the date which I think was probably the

650

00:38:32.892 --> 00:38:36.031
20 ... 20th of October or

651

00:38:36.111 --> 00:38:39.732
thereabouts, when you and your colleagues first

652

00:38:39.812 --> 00:38:40.252
came

653
00:38:41.151 --> 00:38:44.942
and carried out a site access and, uh,

654
00:38:44.991 --> 00:38:48.232
yeah, look around, including you

655
00:38:48.272 --> 00:38:51.692
went to Eastern Mordant near the

656
00:38:51.772 --> 00:38:55.372
church. One of the things that you can

657
00:38:55.531 --> 00:38:59.111
see by looking at the map, that if you look at

658
00:38:59.292 --> 00:39:03.011
CR22, you're looking

659
00:39:03.131 --> 00:39:05.091
straight from there

660
00:39:05.952 --> 00:39:08.912
eastwards towards the west of the

661
00:39:09.051 --> 00:39:12.671
church, and what I venture to think and

662
00:39:12.792 --> 00:39:15.551
promise you, is the finest

663
00:39:16.511 --> 00:39:17.432
spire in

664
00:39:17.491 --> 00:39:20.591
Northamptonshire.

665
00:39:21.611 --> 00:39:22.772
Um,

666
00:39:23.832 --> 00:39:27.812

and what we don't want is that it should be messed

667

00:39:27.932 --> 00:39:31.912
up by vehicles being casually lifted

668

00:39:32.491 --> 00:39:34.772
and left there, or

669

00:39:35.652 --> 00:39:39.292
stuff which is delivered there and left

670

00:39:39.352 --> 00:39:42.852
there, waiting for the time when it is to be

671

00:39:43.051 --> 00:39:46.792
used. And anyway, it's not

672

00:39:46.872 --> 00:39:49.432
said that that's what's going to

673

00:39:49.491 --> 00:39:53.011
happen. May I

674

00:39:53.192 --> 00:39:56.991
move from there to another document?

675

00:39:58.131 --> 00:40:01.051
It's the applicant's responses to relevant

676

00:40:01.152 --> 00:40:04.982
representations, and on this

677

00:40:05.772 --> 00:40:09.471
instance, it is in fact, uh,

678

00:40:09.531 --> 00:40:12.732
the representation that I

679

00:40:12.812 --> 00:40:16.272
made, and the heading of that

680
00:40:16.372 --> 00:40:19.912
document is the applicant's responses

681
00:40:20.591 --> 00:40:23.531
to persons whose interests would be affected by the

682
00:40:23.591 --> 00:40:27.071
order. Bernard Livesey, table

683
00:40:27.671 --> 00:40:29.071
6.1,

684
00:40:30.071 --> 00:40:32.652
and the page number of the

685
00:40:33.292 --> 00:40:37.011
commencement of that bit of the document is at

686
00:40:37.611 --> 00:40:40.171
594.

687
00:40:41.671 --> 00:40:43.131
If you move from there,

688
00:40:44.212 --> 00:40:47.011
at page 598,

689
00:40:47.912 --> 00:40:49.551
there is, um, a,

690
00:40:50.631 --> 00:40:52.412
a, a, a point made

691
00:40:53.412 --> 00:40:53.491
that

692
00:40:53.732 --> 00:40:57.772
BL1-006.

693
00:40:58.611 --> 00:41:02.571

It then says, "The theme is the consent order compulsory

694

00:41:02.591 --> 00:41:04.712

acquisition."

695

00:41:05.772 --> 00:41:09.631

I said on this document, "Finally,

696

00:41:09.752 --> 00:41:13.352

I dispute the contention that the applicant should be entitled

697

00:41:13.892 --> 00:41:16.952

to extend the boundary of its site from the church

698

00:41:17.752 --> 00:41:20.491

westwards to the corner of Eastern

699

00:41:20.591 --> 00:41:24.332

Way." And the applicant's response is

700

00:41:24.432 --> 00:41:27.531

this, "The order limit

701

00:41:28.152 --> 00:41:29.332

extends

702

00:41:30.432 --> 00:41:34.232

along Eastern Way westward from the church

703

00:41:35.152 --> 00:41:38.452

to allow construction activities

704

00:41:39.511 --> 00:41:42.971

and access into the cable route corridor

705

00:41:44.031 --> 00:41:46.551

which extends south from Green Hill F to the

706

00:41:46.631 --> 00:41:49.142

north, crossing Eastern

707
00:41:49.292 --> 00:41:53.212
Way." Pausing there, if

708
00:41:53.272 --> 00:41:56.412
I may for a moment, there's no

709
00:41:56.671 --> 00:41:57.812
suggestion

710
00:41:59.111 --> 00:42:02.232
actually anywhere, so far as I can tell,

711
00:42:03.071 --> 00:42:06.692
that there are going to be any construction

712
00:42:06.772 --> 00:42:09.892
activities on the plot

713
00:42:11.091 --> 00:42:15.031
between CR22 and the

714
00:42:15.152 --> 00:42:15.792
church

715
00:42:16.852 --> 00:42:20.692
that we are pointing at and inviting

716
00:42:20.852 --> 00:42:23.432
you to leave it free

717
00:42:25.051 --> 00:42:27.511
because it shouldn't be messed

718
00:42:27.611 --> 00:42:31.571
up. It carries on

719
00:42:31.952 --> 00:42:34.591
in the applicant's response,

720
00:42:35.772 --> 00:42:39.352

"The draft DCO revision A is

721

00:42:39.531 --> 00:42:43.504

seeking powers..."... to allow for the access to be

722

00:42:43.663 --> 00:42:47.364

constructed and for the cables to be laid

723

00:42:47.404 --> 00:42:51.223

below the road. Pausing there,

724

00:42:52.444 --> 00:42:56.424

there has never been any suggestion that cables are

725

00:42:56.464 --> 00:43:00.124

going to be led- left in the point

726

00:43:00.144 --> 00:43:03.484

between CR22 and the

727

00:43:03.604 --> 00:43:07.404

church. Th- th- th- they would be

728

00:43:07.524 --> 00:43:08.584

going nowhere.

729

00:43:09.864 --> 00:43:12.904

It would be the cables doubling back on

730

00:43:12.944 --> 00:43:15.544

themselves. They should emerge at

731

00:43:15.624 --> 00:43:19.584

CR22, they won't turn right and go to

732

00:43:19.644 --> 00:43:23.444

the church and turn back and go back

733

00:43:23.504 --> 00:43:27.484

again. What they will do, presumably,

734
00:43:28.064 --> 00:43:29.163
is go back

735
00:43:29.984 --> 00:43:33.763
towards CR21 and then across the

736
00:43:33.824 --> 00:43:37.694
cable corridor. And there's nothing to suggest that

737
00:43:37.743 --> 00:43:40.484
that isn't where they're supposed to be

738
00:43:40.544 --> 00:43:44.324
going. It continues,

739
00:43:46.683 --> 00:43:50.304
"With the area of highway included within the

740
00:43:50.384 --> 00:43:53.784
order limits being the area within which these

741
00:43:53.794 --> 00:43:57.604
activities may take place." What does

742
00:43:57.683 --> 00:44:01.223
that mean? It doesn't make sense.

743
00:44:03.183 --> 00:44:06.864
"The order limit allows for the protection of suitable

744
00:44:06.924 --> 00:44:10.844
visibility splays along the road, which may require

745
00:44:10.904 --> 00:44:14.263
maintenance of hedgerows."

746
00:44:14.464 --> 00:44:16.004
Well,

747
00:44:17.324 --> 00:44:21.163

uh, fortunately, I left home

748

00:44:21.904 --> 00:44:25.804

on what was a very sunny day and went

749

00:44:26.324 --> 00:44:27.624

and stood

750

00:44:28.564 --> 00:44:29.524

at the point

751

00:44:31.304 --> 00:44:34.984

midway along that s- th- th- th- that

752

00:44:35.004 --> 00:44:37.884

stretch, CR22 to the ch-

753

00:44:38.004 --> 00:44:41.743

church, and took a photograph one way

754

00:44:43.024 --> 00:44:46.844

and the other way to show you what a lovely place

755

00:44:47.504 --> 00:44:48.524

that road is

756

00:44:49.404 --> 00:44:52.743

when the sun shine and even when it doesn't.

757

00:44:52.844 --> 00:44:52.964

Um,

758

00:44:54.624 --> 00:44:58.424

before showing it to you, I explained what I had

759

00:44:58.484 --> 00:45:02.324

in mind, if I could, and I've had it explained to

760

00:45:02.384 --> 00:45:06.243

me why it is it is not possible

761
00:45:06.254 --> 00:45:10.124
to show you. And there are good

762
00:45:10.203 --> 00:45:13.783
reasons for that, but may I just

763
00:45:13.884 --> 00:45:17.663
ask, if you can steal a moment during the

764
00:45:17.703 --> 00:45:21.584
rest of your time, uh, in Northamptonshire,

765
00:45:21.964 --> 00:45:25.544
m- may I ask if you would kindly go and have a look

766
00:45:25.604 --> 00:45:29.524
there and see what a pointless task it

767
00:45:29.644 --> 00:45:33.424
is having, uh, uh, having

768
00:45:33.604 --> 00:45:34.124
anyone

769
00:45:36.344 --> 00:45:40.124
do any work on the hedgerows? Because

770
00:45:40.163 --> 00:45:43.183
that was written by someone who hadn't seen the

771
00:45:43.223 --> 00:45:46.924
hedgerows, there aren't any there, and there'd be

772
00:45:47.044 --> 00:45:50.904
no work to be done. That's just something to fill

773
00:45:50.944 --> 00:45:53.904
the space by someone who hasn't been

774
00:45:53.984 --> 00:45:56.484

there. I suggest,

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00:45:58.104 --> 00:46:02.033
and therefore I submit, that,

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00:46:02.084 --> 00:46:05.344
uh, you shouldn't allow this,

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00:46:05.464 --> 00:46:08.984
uh, bit of, um,

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00:46:10.824 --> 00:46:13.404
land to be set aside.

779

00:46:14.904 --> 00:46:16.243
Set aside for

780

00:46:17.804 --> 00:46:18.183
why

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00:46:19.743 --> 00:46:23.084
it isn't anything which should be

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00:46:23.144 --> 00:46:26.743
allowed, is my submission. Thank

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00:46:26.804 --> 00:46:29.183
you.

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00:46:29.964 --> 00:46:32.804
Thank you very much, Mr. Livesey. Uh, Ms.

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00:46:32.824 --> 00:46:35.353
Brodrick, would you or any of your colleagues like to come back on
any of those

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00:46:35.444 --> 00:46:36.864
points?

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00:46:36.944 --> 00:46:38.154
Um, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:46:38.264 --> 00:46:42.163

I wonder if it might be helpful if we shared the

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00:46:42.203 --> 00:46:45.804

land plan on the screen, and that might help us just distinguish

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00:46:45.824 --> 00:46:49.683

between the different, um, rights being sought and- and their

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00:46:49.783 --> 00:46:53.404

purpose. So if we can bring up sheet 14 of the

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00:46:53.644 --> 00:46:54.844

land plan.

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00:46:56.764 --> 00:46:58.703

Thank you. Um,

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00:47:00.564 --> 00:47:02.482

so as I think has been recognized, the

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00:47:03.384 --> 00:47:06.694

plot that's been... Or the area of the order limits that's being, uh...

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00:47:06.703 --> 00:47:10.384

Was being referred to in the- in the submission, um, related

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00:47:10.544 --> 00:47:14.144

to plot 14, um, dash 195, which is

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00:47:14.223 --> 00:47:17.783

the- the yellow plot there. Um, uh,

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00:47:17.844 --> 00:47:21.533

whereas the cable crossing, uh, works are

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00:47:21.663 --> 00:47:25.464

shown in blue, um, which is, what,

801
00:47:25.504 --> 00:47:29.344
14197 which is... Oh, we've gone a bit- one

802
00:47:29.404 --> 00:47:31.524
bit too far. (laughs) We'll get it

803
00:47:31.564 --> 00:47:34.104
back.

804
00:47:35.764 --> 00:47:39.144
Uh, yeah. So cabling- uh, cable route will,

805
00:47:39.243 --> 00:47:43.014
um, uh, extend sort of southwards, um, and

806
00:47:43.064 --> 00:47:46.514
then as it comes into the site, there is some flexibility for

807
00:47:46.884 --> 00:47:50.524
i- i- its location in terms of where the cable

808
00:47:50.624 --> 00:47:52.984
actually crosses, um, the highway there.

809
00:47:53.024 --> 00:47:56.114
So that's why the- the blue area is slightly wider.

810
00:47:56.144 --> 00:48:00.064
The actual crossing point will dep- be dependent on a variety of

811
00:48:00.124 --> 00:48:03.944
factors, including any other utilities that might be located in the road, for

812
00:48:03.984 --> 00:48:06.804
example. Um, the

813
00:48:08.604 --> 00:48:12.124
yellow area, as we said, would- was added in following

814

00:48:12.203 --> 00:48:16.183
consultation with the, um, Highways Authority

815
00:48:16.644 --> 00:48:20.524
and further detailed work to, um, access points,

816
00:48:20.644 --> 00:48:24.594
um, and as has rec- has been mentioned in terms of the responses
that

817
00:48:24.624 --> 00:48:28.564
we've given, that additional yellow land was added in in

818
00:48:28.604 --> 00:48:32.264
order to provide, um, sufficient powers under the DCO

819
00:48:32.783 --> 00:48:36.223
to undertake both, um, visibility splay work.

820
00:48:36.234 --> 00:48:39.504
So that's, um, cutting back any vegetation that might be

821
00:48:39.584 --> 00:48:43.304
required, um, and also, uh, traffic regulation

822
00:48:43.364 --> 00:48:46.836
measures so, for example,... it, it was mentioned

823
00:48:46.896 --> 00:48:50.216
introducing a temporary speed limit or some other form of

824
00:48:50.256 --> 00:48:54.016
measure, um, to enable that safe crossing,

825
00:48:54.116 --> 00:48:57.896
um, of the cable work and the access into, into the site.

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00:48:57.936 --> 00:48:59.346
Because this is, um,

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00:49:00.616 --> 00:49:04.186

public highway, there are two different, um, sort of different

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00:49:04.256 --> 00:49:07.336

powers within the DCO that apply to this land.

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00:49:07.436 --> 00:49:11.316

Um, there is a s- a sort of a temporary possession, uh, power

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00:49:11.416 --> 00:49:15.296

to ensure that, um, the applicant has the ability

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00:49:16.236 --> 00:49:19.956

to carry out the works from a sort of property perspective,

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00:49:20.556 --> 00:49:23.866

um, but then there are also the relevant highways powers in the

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00:49:23.916 --> 00:49:27.156

DCO. Um, all of those highway powers are

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00:49:27.196 --> 00:49:31.076

controlled, um, by the requirements, in particular

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00:49:31.116 --> 00:49:33.316

the Outlying Construction Traffic Management Plan.

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00:49:33.326 --> 00:49:36.976

So, the nature of any traffic regulation

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00:49:37.016 --> 00:49:40.716

measures that might be put in place over that

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00:49:40.776 --> 00:49:44.536

yellow area of land would need to be approved by the relevant

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00:49:44.596 --> 00:49:47.716

planning authority as part of the discharge of that requirement.

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00:49:47.756 --> 00:49:50.296

So, the applicant is definitely, um,

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00:49:51.256 --> 00:49:55.236

not free to, um, take possession of that land, um,

842

00:49:55.296 --> 00:49:58.796

and do as it wishes with that section of public highway.

843

00:49:58.896 --> 00:50:02.596

Um, it is very much controlled by the management plans that, that

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00:50:02.656 --> 00:50:06.636

apply there. And as we'd said, the purpose of that is to facilitate

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00:50:06.656 --> 00:50:10.356

the safe access into the, into the site.

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00:50:10.436 --> 00:50:13.176

So, I appreciate that

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00:50:13.236 --> 00:50:16.896

the, the overlaying (claps hands) nature of the DCO

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00:50:16.996 --> 00:50:20.376

powers and how the various different plans to relate to each other

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00:50:20.736 --> 00:50:24.416

is, is not straightforward, and, um, isn't

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00:50:24.436 --> 00:50:28.136

necessarily immediately obvious, um, when you look at the plans

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00:50:28.176 --> 00:50:30.366

in, uh, in isolation. Um,

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00:50:31.516 --> 00:50:33.276

but that is the reason why it's been included.

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00:50:33.336 --> 00:50:37.136

It's for highway safety purposes, and it was at, um, at the request of the

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00:50:37.156 --> 00:50:40.136
Highway Authority. Thank you.

855
00:50:51.686 --> 00:50:55.656
Thank you. Um, Mr. Livesey, did you have anything further you wanted

856
00:50:55.735 --> 00:50:59.376
to add?

857
00:51:15.496 --> 00:51:36.016
(pauses)

858
00:51:36.025 --> 00:51:39.896
Thank you very much. Uh, Ms. Brodrick, anything further from the
applicant

859
00:51:39.936 --> 00:51:42.176
before we move on? I... Thank you, Mr. Livesey.

860
00:51:42.216 --> 00:51:42.376
Thank

861
00:51:42.416 --> 00:51:46.596
you.

862
00:51:48.076 --> 00:51:51.696
So, next on my list, um, I've got, uh, Mr.

863
00:51:51.716 --> 00:51:55.076
and Mrs. Partridge. I, I understand you want to speak together, is
that right?

864
00:51:55.116 --> 00:51:55.726
Yep.

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00:51:55.936 --> 00:51:56.116
Thank

866
00:51:56.196 --> 00:52:01.395
you.

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00:52:01.466 --> 00:52:04.616
(pauses)

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00:52:04.636 --> 00:52:05.676
Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:52:05.696 --> 00:52:08.976
Would it be helpful to have the rel- the relevant sheet of the land plan on the

870
00:52:08.986 --> 00:52:12.816
screen whilst you're providing your submission, so you can refer to it if you

871
00:52:12.836 --> 00:52:16.606
want? If we could go to sheet eight on the land plan, that'll be helpful.

872
00:52:16.636 --> 00:52:17.836
Thank you.

873
00:52:24.436 --> 00:52:28.356
Hello, um, I'm Serene Partridge, um, and I'm speaking

874
00:52:28.396 --> 00:52:32.236
on behalf of my family who, and in particular

875
00:52:32.316 --> 00:52:36.156
my brother-in-law, as we're co-owners of the,

876
00:52:36.196 --> 00:52:40.096
um, land we will be discussing. Thank you, first of all, for allowing me to

877
00:52:40.256 --> 00:52:44.016
speak about the proposed plans for the compulsory acquisition

878
00:52:44.456 --> 00:52:48.046
of rights over our land for the purpose of laying cables,

879
00:52:48.536 --> 00:52:51.846
as referenced in the documentation submitted to the

880
00:52:51.916 --> 00:52:55.836
examination team. We request that you review

881
00:52:55.846 --> 00:52:59.396
the documentation, and would like to add the following

882
00:52:59.636 --> 00:53:03.076
additional points. In documentation

883
00:53:03.176 --> 00:53:06.736
submitted by Greenhill Solar, the locations of

884
00:53:06.796 --> 00:53:10.616
identified badger sets remain confidential.

885
00:53:10.676 --> 00:53:14.656
GH6.3.9.5

886
00:53:14.736 --> 00:53:15.816
confirms this.

887
00:53:17.416 --> 00:53:21.126
We also ask that you note the outline ecological

888
00:53:21.196 --> 00:53:24.076
protection and mitigation strategy,

889
00:53:24.176 --> 00:53:27.756
GH7.5, states that, "At the start of any

890
00:53:27.796 --> 00:53:31.056
proposed construction biodiversity protection

891
00:53:31.176 --> 00:53:34.366
fencing will be installed, and the,

892
00:53:34.376 --> 00:53:38.226
And that these buffer zones will include 15 meters

893

00:53:38.356 --> 00:53:42.286
minimum from all hedgerows, minor water

894
00:53:42.376 --> 00:53:45.756
courses, small streams, outlying badger

895
00:53:45.796 --> 00:53:48.636
sets, and from any tree with high

896
00:53:49.056 --> 00:53:52.146
suitability for roosting bats."

897
00:53:52.196 --> 00:53:58.096
GH7.5.3.3.8.

898
00:53:58.106 --> 00:54:02.096
The same document also states that additional surveys will be

899
00:54:02.136 --> 00:54:05.476
made before commencing any work, and that special

900
00:54:05.576 --> 00:54:09.396
measures will be taken for main and outlying badger sets,

901
00:54:09.896 --> 00:54:13.816
which will require 30 meters and 15 meters

902
00:54:14.156 --> 00:54:15.796
buffers respectively.

903
00:54:17.216 --> 00:54:20.966
We would like you to note, as referred to in our submission, that

904
00:54:21.036 --> 00:54:24.786
our land has identified badger sets, as well as

905
00:54:24.836 --> 00:54:28.736
water voles, bats, adders, and a range of other

906
00:54:28.776 --> 00:54:31.636
wildlife, many of which is protected.

907

00:54:32.696 --> 00:54:35.866

We would also like to draw your attention, the...

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00:54:35.876 --> 00:54:39.536

Sorry, the examiner's attention, to four national grid pylon

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00:54:39.596 --> 00:54:43.556

towers on our land. Between the woodland

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00:54:43.756 --> 00:54:47.036

area with sets identified and confirmed by the

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00:54:47.056 --> 00:54:50.476

Northamptonshire Badger Group and the existing national grid

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00:54:50.556 --> 00:54:53.896

pylons, the distance is less than that

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00:54:53.936 --> 00:54:57.216

proposed by Greenhill for their cable route buffer

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00:54:57.296 --> 00:55:00.500

zone. We would wish to

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00:55:01.340 --> 00:55:05.320

submit a statement by the badger group, that states

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00:55:05.420 --> 00:55:05.700

any

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00:55:06.580 --> 00:55:10.520

evacuation, vibration or alteration to the ground

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00:55:10.620 --> 00:55:11.880

structure in this area

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00:55:12.840 --> 00:55:16.560

risks causing significant disturbance to this

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00:55:16.600 --> 00:55:18.900
long-established breeding set.

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00:55:21.540 --> 00:55:25.160
We would like to add this to the danger of water voles in the

922
00:55:25.260 --> 00:55:29.100
area, where the crossing of the brook is proposed for the

923
00:55:29.140 --> 00:55:32.980
cable route. The cable route will require

924
00:55:33.040 --> 00:55:36.720
an entry and exit from the field. This,

925
00:55:36.780 --> 00:55:40.160
together with the evacuation of the ca-,

926
00:55:40.170 --> 00:55:44.000
excavation of the cable trench will risk causing

927
00:55:44.040 --> 00:55:47.869
damage and destruction to the woodland and

928
00:55:47.900 --> 00:55:51.560
badger sets. We see no reason

929
00:55:52.100 --> 00:55:56.080
why the entry exits to the field further on, where panels are to

930
00:55:56.120 --> 00:55:59.900
be sited, should not also be the entry point to the

931
00:56:00.020 --> 00:56:03.720
field on the opposite side of the road for the cable route,

932
00:56:04.240 --> 00:56:07.940
and for the brook to be crossed further down.

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00:56:08.000 --> 00:56:11.840
It is our view that Green Hill Solar have not given proper

934
00:56:11.900 --> 00:56:15.200
consideration to wildlife and traffic

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00:56:15.260 --> 00:56:19.240
issues in deve-, in the development of this part of their

936
00:56:19.300 --> 00:56:23.240
proposals. We also wish to point

937
00:56:23.380 --> 00:56:27.320
out that contrary to the s-, suggestion of Bury's Land

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00:56:27.460 --> 00:56:30.580
Agent, as listed in documentation

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00:56:31.040 --> 00:56:34.840
GH4.4-B, an

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00:56:34.880 --> 00:56:38.500
agreement was not in view, and that positive

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00:56:38.660 --> 00:56:41.400
negotiations are not, certainly not

942
00:56:41.440 --> 00:56:44.840
ongoing. The agent's approach caused me

943
00:56:44.880 --> 00:56:48.410
significant stress and upset, and I felt that all my

944
00:56:48.440 --> 00:56:52.420
concerns regarding the wildlife and the environment on our

945
00:56:52.460 --> 00:56:54.560
land were disregarded.

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00:56:55.980 --> 00:56:59.900
In conclusion, as owners and caretakers of this land

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00:57:00.000 --> 00:57:03.900

for many years, we wish to point out that we have sought to

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00:57:03.980 --> 00:57:07.619

nurture and protect the natural environment as well as

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00:57:07.679 --> 00:57:10.860

making it available for productive, arable

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00:57:10.960 --> 00:57:14.880

farming. The proposed plan is destructive

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00:57:15.580 --> 00:57:19.420

and it does not fall within section 122

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00:57:19.500 --> 00:57:22.580

of the Planning Act, because the case is not

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00:57:22.640 --> 00:57:25.939

compelling. We request, as

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00:57:26.040 --> 00:57:29.560

examiners, you reject the application of Green Hill

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00:57:29.680 --> 00:57:33.420

Solar to acquire rights to inflict damage on our

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00:57:33.480 --> 00:57:35.880

land.

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00:57:37.380 --> 00:57:38.340

Erm, sorry.

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00:57:38.420 --> 00:57:42.260

Err, Mr. Partridge, erm, I'm speaking, err, as I say,

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00:57:42.280 --> 00:57:45.980

on behalf of my family, that being my mother and my

960

00:57:46.340 --> 00:57:50.240

uncle, who are the landowners. Erm, I'd like to read a statement, if

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00:57:50.320 --> 00:57:53.050

I may, from the Northamptonshire Badger Group,

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00:57:53.860 --> 00:57:57.660

erm, who visited the site last in the August of this

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00:57:57.700 --> 00:57:58.050

year.

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00:58:00.580 --> 00:58:04.480

Northamptonshire Badger Group has been aware of badger sets within

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00:58:04.520 --> 00:58:08.320

the site. They have been aware of this for a considerable number of years and

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00:58:08.380 --> 00:58:10.720

have monitored the sets' condition over time.

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00:58:12.340 --> 00:58:16.120

A site visit in August 2025 reconfirmed the presence

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00:58:16.320 --> 00:58:20.200

of a large, long-established main breeding set,

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00:58:20.260 --> 00:58:22.960

together with associated annexe sets within the

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00:58:23.000 --> 00:58:26.200

woodland. Both demonstrate multiple

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00:58:26.240 --> 00:58:29.550

entrances, showing clear and recent signs of current

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00:58:29.660 --> 00:58:33.240

use, including open and well-worn tunnels,

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00:58:33.340 --> 00:58:37.200

smooth soil surfaces, fresh digging and spoil heaps,

974
00:58:37.880 --> 00:58:41.620
badger footprints, fresh dung pits and hairs found at entrance

975
00:58:41.660 --> 00:58:45.529
points. Further inspection also identified a number

976
00:58:45.560 --> 00:58:49.500
of partially used and disused entrances, indicating the complex

977
00:58:49.600 --> 00:58:51.830
and historic structure of this set system.

978
00:58:53.420 --> 00:58:57.160
The main set has clearly evo-, evolved over many decades.

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00:58:57.200 --> 00:59:00.850
Its extensive excavation having altered the topography and

980
00:59:00.880 --> 00:59:04.660
character of the surrounding woodland through the continual activity
of

981
00:59:04.740 --> 00:59:08.060
successive generations of badgers.

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00:59:08.100 --> 00:59:12.000
This is a mature, long-established set of significant ecological and

983
00:59:12.060 --> 00:59:14.840
behavioural importance to the local badger population.

984
00:59:16.040 --> 00:59:19.400
It should be noted that this woodland and its associated grassland

985
00:59:19.410 --> 00:59:23.200
margins have been carefully managed as a nature area for

986
00:59:23.240 --> 00:59:26.740
decades, during which time the badgers have remained completely

987

00:59:26.780 --> 00:59:30.440
undisturbed. Their continued occupation and expansion of the

988
00:59:30.540 --> 00:59:33.920
set are strong indications of the site's stability,

989
00:59:34.020 --> 00:59:36.640
suitability and the absence of previous

990
00:59:36.700 --> 00:59:40.340
interference. It's a thriving bov-, badger population

991
00:59:40.860 --> 00:59:43.520
which has been an integral part of this landscape for

992
00:59:43.600 --> 00:59:45.600
generations.

993
00:59:48.920 --> 00:59:52.880
Northamptonshire Badger Group has concerns regarding the proximity
of the proposed

994
00:59:52.940 --> 00:59:56.800
cabling route and the installation works to both the woodland and
the

995
00:59:56.840 --> 01:00:00.180
sets themselves. Any excavation,

996
01:00:00.280 --> 01:00:04.260
vibration, alteration to the ground

997
01:00:04.340 --> 01:00:08.180
structure in this area risks causing significant disturbance to this

998
01:00:08.220 --> 01:00:11.640
long-established breeding set, as well as the

999
01:00:11.680 --> 01:00:14.500
construction vehicles that will need to pass through the

1000

01:00:14.540 --> 01:00:17.620
land. Given the historical

1001
01:00:18.160 --> 01:00:22.100
continuity and active status of this set, we strongly

1002
01:00:22.220 --> 01:00:26.030
urge that the proposed cabling route should be reconsidered and

1003
01:00:26.100 --> 01:00:28.900
relocated to ensure full avoidance

1004
01:00:29.980 --> 01:00:33.740
of the woodland edge, the set area and the

1005
01:00:33.760 --> 01:00:37.700
adjacent field regularly used by badgers for foraging

1006
01:00:37.940 --> 01:00:41.540
and movement. Northamptonshire Badger Group,

1007
01:00:41.620 --> 01:00:45.200
November 2025. And if I may just add

1008
01:00:45.240 --> 01:00:47.300
on, would it be possible to just

1009
01:00:48.280 --> 01:00:52.270
zoom into the site we're referring to? It's...

1010
01:00:52.320 --> 01:00:53.040
Yes.

1011
01:00:55.240 --> 01:00:58.900
So as you can see on the bottom of the screen there, that, the blue
area is

1012
01:00:59.520 --> 01:01:00.900
where the woodland is.

1013
01:01:01.860 --> 01:01:05.620

To the right of it is the field. Those two

1014
01:01:05.700 --> 01:01:08.258
parallel lines are obviously the.....

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01:01:08.448 --> 01:01:12.168
um, the pylons which, uh, we refer to.

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Um, the two, (sighs) the, the two on the

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lower end being the, um,

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uh, the ones closest to the Mears Ashby Road.

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Um,

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01:01:24.128 --> 01:01:25.868
now the, the proposed cabling route

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is, uh, to come roughly through the middle from the, from the

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left-hand side, through the middle of the blue section, and then

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down, uh,

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01:01:36.768 --> 01:01:40.738
between, um, between the, the, the

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01:01:40.828 --> 01:01:43.708
first pylon and the woodland area.

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Um, as we stated in the, in the statement, um, it's

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our view that there's simply not the adequate room, given the,

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um, buffer zone proposed by Greenhill, um, to

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put, uh, to put a cabling route in.

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Um,

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and as we say, if it is gonna be put in, it's gonna cause
significant

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disturbance, um,

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01:02:06.188 --> 01:02:10.048
not only to the bad- badger population, but also to the many of the
wildlife that

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01:02:10.068 --> 01:02:13.687
live there, um, and also the woodland itself,

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01:02:13.728 --> 01:02:17.158
which, uh, my family has cared for for over many, many

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01:02:17.228 --> 01:02:21.208
decades, and sought to protect, um, and

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prevent any disturbance, um, occur in

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01:02:23.908 --> 01:02:25.938
there. Um,

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and we w- we believe

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that this, this, the area could easily be avoided go- by

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relocating the cable route, um, which would spare obviously

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the woodland itself, um,

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the, the wildlife that live there, the habitats, um,

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and we think it'd make-

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cause the least disruption by looking at a, a re-routing the

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cable route. Thank you.

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01:02:57.048 --> 01:02:59.908

Thank you very much, Mr. and Mrs. Partridge. Uh, Ms.

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Broadrick, I appreciate that for some points you've not got an ecologist here,

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um, but is there anything you'd like to come back on that you've heard?

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(pauses)

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Um, Claire Broadrick for the applicant.

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As, as you've noted, we don't have our ecologist here today in terms of going

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through the specific, um, mitigation measures that are going to be
put

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in place. What we will do in our, um,

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01:03:34.168 --> 01:03:37.928
uh, as a sort of note to our written summary of this hearing

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01:03:38.088 --> 01:03:41.668
is, we will include some more detail on the specific

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01:03:41.728 --> 01:03:45.318
measures, the extent of, um, directional drilling, um,

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01:03:46.708 --> 01:03:50.568
in this area. Obviously, I need to be a little bit careful

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01:03:50.628 --> 01:03:52.078
in terms of talking about

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01:03:53.208 --> 01:03:56.468
where all- there aren't badger sets located, which is the

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reason why the schedules are confidential to the public

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a- as general, but, uh, hopefully you've been told that the
examining authority

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have- are able to read the details of those, um, of

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01:04:08.028 --> 01:04:09.528
those submissions.

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Um, from the applicant's perspective,

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it considers that the mitigation measures that have been put in place are

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sufficient to ensure that there isn't, um, harm to

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badgers, um, in this area. Um, as has been identified, it

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is fairly constrained coming out of this site, um,

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and, and, and routing, crossing the road in between, in between the pylons,

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so the, um, flexibility is, is,

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um,

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limited here in terms of, um, as where the cable route can be

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located, um, but the applicant's position is that there is sufficient

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room, um, to put in place the mitigation measures

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that are required here. But I think rather than me

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trying to (laughs) speak about the mitigation measures, it might be

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more useful for our ecologist to provide a written,

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um, uh, response, and we have a, a colleague who's been

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making- watching virtually, who's been making a detailed note of the submissions

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that have been- have been made, so we have got those captured.

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(sighs) Um, in terms of the points made against about

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voluntary negotiations, um, obviously the applicant,

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um, you know, a- apologizes for any, any

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distress that may have been, been caused as a result of the contact that's been

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made. That's obviously definitely not the intention.

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Um, the applicant remains very keen to enter into voluntary

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agreements with all landowners affected by the cable route

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corridor. Um, and those discussions can, um,

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take place effectively without prejudice to your noted

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opposition, um, to the, to the project in this- in

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location, so we very much try to carry on having

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discussions about the terms of those agreements, um, and

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that doesn't, um, lessen or reduce your

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objection to the proposal, so I would say that, that's why we're keeping

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in contact with people and trying to progress the terms, because should the

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DCO be granted, then we, we want people to have had the

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benefits of the voluntary terms of the agreement, rather than relying on

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the compulsory acquisition powers in, in the DCO, but it doesn't detract

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from your, uh, your opposition and the comments that you've made.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Ms. Broadrick. Uh, Mrs. and Mr.

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Partridge, any further points you'd wish to make?

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Uh, thank you for, uh, responding.

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Uh, also, I appreciate that, um, you know, an ecologist isn't here, and

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I do appreciate, um, you going away and, uh, asking for a written

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report. Um, I'd also like to add that we're not,

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we're not opposed to the, um, scheme in general.

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We're, we're in favor of renewable energy.

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Um, w- we just think it's,

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you know, as being concerned about the environment and, you know,

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the envi- um, local habitats, so I think-

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I certainly think this is gonna cause a lot of damage.

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Um,

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I'd also like to ask, um,

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I believe the, uh-... the buffer zone is 50 meters for

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the cabling route. Um, having, you

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know, my family's owned that, you know, this piece of land for many, many

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decades. We are, we are aware that the, the

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space in between the left-hand pylon on the, and the map

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and the woodland is far less than 50 meters.

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Um, we also note that Greenhill have stated that they will seek

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to protect, um, and not destroy woodland.

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Um,

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so another concern of ours is how destruction to the woodland

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is gonna be avoided, um, given that

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the, the easement, um,

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area for the cable route is 50 meters.

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Um, as you can see, it's an extremely narrow, um, corridor where

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that, where the proposed cabling route is planned to go.

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Thank you.

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Thank you, Mr. Partridge. Uh, any further comments, Ms. Prodig?

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Uh, Claire Prodigy for the applicant.

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Um, it's just to note that, obviously, the, the typical width of the,

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um, cable route corridor, um, is

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stated, but within that, the cable itself will be microsited, so it's

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not the full 50 meters that's, um, required.

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What I think might be helpful is we can, um, give

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some more detail as to the width of the corridor that might be required in this

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particular location. Obviously, it's possible where you've got a very constrained

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area for your working area to be much narrower.

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It's not possible to do that over the whole cable route, because
you,

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um, may need to... For example, if you are, if you've got a very

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narrow

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cable width, um, then certain activities that you would normally

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do on a wider working width, such as, um, storage

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of topsoil and those sorts of things, would need to be done, um,
outside of

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that area. But it is possible in small sections to reduce the

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working width, um, to avoid constraints.

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So we can provide some more detail on that particular

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point. Um, what we also, um, might be able to do, and

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perhaps if we, um, speak after the hearing, is see whether we can
arrange a

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discussion with the ecologist, um, and in which you could ask some

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questions which might be easier to understand than a, a written, a
formal

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written response on, on the point.

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So, um, uh, if you want to talk to the applicant team after, at the end

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of the hearing or in the, the break if we have one, then, um, we can sort something

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out. Thank you.

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01:09:37.587 --> 01:09:41.448
Thank you. That would be helpful, I think, yeah. Thank you. Yeah.

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01:09:41.488 --> 01:09:45.188
One, one final point I'd like to make, um, which I don't believe has been

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raised is, uh, along the proposed cabling route, there will also need to

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be a haulage road, um, the length

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along, which as we mentioned, will

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require, um, access from the vehicles.

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Um, so I think, uh, in, in

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discussions with the ecologist, however that transpires, I think that needs to be

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taken into consider-ation as well, that it's not just the easement,
you know,

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area of the cable route. There's also gonna be a haulage road.

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There's also gonna be disruption to the hedgerows, um, from

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the, from the south side, as the map, as we look into it, onto the
Mears Ashby

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Road. And also, coming from the west, coming through the

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woodland, um, you know, a substantial amount of woodland is

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gonna need to be, I'd imagine, gonna need to be

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destroyed. Um,

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uh, which, you know, I'd, I'd argue is at odds with what

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Greenhill- Greenhill have, um, stated in their documentation.

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Um, but I appreciate the applicant, um, seeking

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to involve the ecologist. That would be welcome.

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Thank you.

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Thank you. Can I leave that with you to make arrangements to...

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Yeah. Thank you very much, Mr.-

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Thank you.

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Thank you.

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... Mr. and Mrs. Partridge.

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Yeah. Um, so next on my list, I've got, uh, Mrs. Howell.

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Thank

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you.

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Good afternoon. Sheena Howell representing myself and my husband,

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Martin Howell.

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We own a right of way from the bottom of our field across land, um,
belonging

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to a couple of, uh, um, uh, uh, a couple of, uh,

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rights owners, namely 13-170,

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13-17A, 13-17B,

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01:11:48.548 --> 01:11:51.888
13-173, 13-176,

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01:11:51.928 --> 01:11:55.788
13-177A. Uh, all to be found on land plan A,

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PDF slide 16 of 21, if that's helpful. Oh, well done.

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You've got it up already. Um,

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as I say, we have a right of way from the bottom of our field which

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is, uh, the field where the little triangle of Spinney

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is, if you like, um, across the bridge there that we own

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over the brook, Pointy Field, I'll call it there for, for the sake
of,

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01:12:18.688 --> 01:12:19.528
um, um,

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argument. 1-3- 13-170,

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through the next two fields and into the land owned currently by the

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01:12:28.668 --> 01:12:32.488

National Grid. Um, therefore, we're affected

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by two owners. Uh, I have a technical question.

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Uh, we've obviously been sent documentation from IGP, who's a third

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party, um, which suggests that this right of way

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will pro- will, will be potentially affected in the DCO,

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possibly re-routed or expunged. But I am

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unable to understand how that is the case if part of

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that right of way is over National Grid land, which

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currently the applicant has no rights

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over. That's a technical question which I'd just like to understand at some

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point.

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Um, I had no idea what was involved in today's

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hearing. I found it very difficult as a layman or laywoman to

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understand..... how we put our point of view across, when we put

our point

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of view across, uh, or to engage in any conversation

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regarding what is involved in,

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uh, a compulsory power of rights

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acquisition. Um, what's the phraseology again?

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Um, compulsory acquisition of rights and imposition of

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restrictive covenants.

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A very technical term, I'm sure you'll agree, and probably very clear to you guys,

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not quite so clear to the layman.

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And what I would like to know really is why I'm here.

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Why is the applicant seeking compulsory powers before

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discussing a completely viable alternative with me?

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If I may call your attention to APP214,

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uh, otherwise known I think as option A for the current

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BESS, um, construction and Grendon

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01:14:12.228 --> 01:14:16.157
Substation, it will become apparent...

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01:14:16.168 --> 01:14:17.798
If somebody could pull it up, that would be marvelous.

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01:14:17.828 --> 01:14:20.568
Thank you.

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01:14:21.947 --> 01:14:24.068
Oh, that's me, not the f- not the APP.

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I have it on my phone.

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01:14:59.928 --> 01:15:00.978
Claire Project to the applicant. We are just...

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01:15:00.988 --> 01:15:03.968
We did have some documents preloaded, but not all of them, so it's just-

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Oh.

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01:15:04.358 --> 01:15:08.328
... downloading itself from the, uh, PINS website, so please just bear with

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us for a

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01:15:08.698 --> 01:15:12.468
moment. Okie dokie.

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01:15:21.728 --> 01:15:23.368
That looks like it's the fella.

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01:15:25.128 --> 01:15:25.648

There we go.

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01:15:27.267 --> 01:15:29.908

Uh, I think you can see fairly clearly, perhaps you could blow it up a little bit

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01:15:29.948 --> 01:15:32.008

for me please, that would be marvelous.

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01:15:32.088 --> 01:15:35.708

Um, I think you can see fairly clearly that there is, uh, the- the area

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01:15:35.728 --> 01:15:39.648

shaded in purple at the moment is currently not designated for BESS

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01:15:39.688 --> 01:15:43.488

due to the fact that it floods like billy-o every year, uh, and I think

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01:15:43.568 --> 01:15:47.508

it's, um, uh, it's going to remain fallow or- or,

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01:15:47.588 --> 01:15:51.408

um, floral land or- or meadowland or whatever you want to

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01:15:51.448 --> 01:15:53.788

call it. That's probably a little bit too close.

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01:15:53.848 --> 01:15:57.688

Um, and there's a very obvious route from my land, our land,

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01:15:57.768 --> 01:16:01.458

across the brook, on our bridge, through the

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01:16:01.728 --> 01:16:05.108

purple patch, let's call it, onto the national grid,

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01:16:05.208 --> 01:16:08.708

uh, service road, and then, of course, out onto Station

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01:16:08.788 --> 01:16:12.048

Road, with hardly any deviance from our current right of

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01:16:12.088 --> 01:16:15.748

way. Um, I suppose my question, my first

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01:16:15.788 --> 01:16:18.828

question to, uh, the applicant

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01:16:19.608 --> 01:16:23.388

would be, would it not be a good idea to suggest that as an alternative?

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01:16:23.468 --> 01:16:27.328

And my second question would be, then you can remove the

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01:16:27.408 --> 01:16:31.008

need for us to be consulted in any way, shape, or form with regard-

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01:16:31.048 --> 01:16:32.708

regards to compulsory powers

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01:16:33.508 --> 01:16:34.328

of purchase

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01:16:36.068 --> 01:16:38.148

of rights.

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01:16:43.388 --> 01:16:45.048

Thank you, Mrs. Howell. If I hand over to Ms.

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01:16:45.068 --> 01:16:45.998

Project, she can come back-

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01:16:45.998 --> 01:16:46.018

Thank you.

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01:16:46.018 --> 01:16:48.008

... on those points for you.

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01:16:48.088 --> 01:16:49.868
Um, Claire Project for the applicant.

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01:16:49.928 --> 01:16:52.968
Um, just to very briefly explain, um,

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01:16:53.488 --> 01:16:57.288
the, uh, procedure that we go through, um, which is set

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01:16:57.348 --> 01:17:01.058
out in the- in the statement of reasons, but, um, the

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01:17:01.058 --> 01:17:04.908
applicant has entered into, um, voluntary agreements with the

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01:17:04.948 --> 01:17:08.738
landowners for the, um, BESS site,

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01:17:08.888 --> 01:17:12.208
and the, um, mitigation areas. So that's

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01:17:12.488 --> 01:17:14.508
13-171B,

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01:17:14.548 --> 01:17:18.198
13-169, and 13, uh,

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01:17:18.488 --> 01:17:21.848
-170. However, as is,

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01:17:21.868 --> 01:17:25.288
um, typical for nationally significant infrastructure projects, in
order

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01:17:25.468 --> 01:17:28.908
to, um, ensure there is no impediment to de- the

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01:17:29.048 --> 01:17:29.908
delivery of the

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01:17:30.748 --> 01:17:33.738
project in the unlikely event that the,

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01:17:33.788 --> 01:17:37.508
landowner, um, failed to, um, comply with the terms of the

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01:17:37.548 --> 01:17:41.028
agreement or if they were to go insolvent, for example, um,

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01:17:41.068 --> 01:17:44.648
compulsory acquisition powers are included as a sort of a- a

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01:17:44.708 --> 01:17:48.528
fallback position. If you include compulsory acquisition

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01:17:48.608 --> 01:17:51.848
powers in your DCO, you have to

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01:17:51.928 --> 01:17:55.168
identify not only the landowner and any

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01:17:55.208 --> 01:17:59.178
occupiers, but also anybody else who might have an interest in that

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01:17:59.228 --> 01:18:03.208
land. Um, and you have to, um, include their details

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01:18:03.308 --> 01:18:06.898
in the book of reference, and you have to notify them, um, under the

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01:18:06.948 --> 01:18:10.708
statutory provisions in the Planning Act 2008, regardless

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01:18:11.128 --> 01:18:15.108
of whether you're proposing to, um, interfere or,

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01:18:15.188 --> 01:18:15.488
um,

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01:18:16.408 --> 01:18:19.588

alter, um, any right that they may have.

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01:18:19.648 --> 01:18:22.078

So that- that is why,

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01:18:23.268 --> 01:18:26.228

um, your details have been included in the book of reference, um, and why you will

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01:18:26.248 --> 01:18:30.148

have received, um, information, um, about it.

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01:18:30.168 --> 01:18:34.048

Similarly, that applies in relation to the National Grid land.

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01:18:34.148 --> 01:18:34.328

Um,

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01:18:35.148 --> 01:18:38.668

uh, the applicant has discussions with National Grid, both in terms of the sort of

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01:18:39.188 --> 01:18:42.098

connection agreement, which is why you have that grade, uh...

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01:18:42.108 --> 01:18:45.208

Oh, you're not on the land plan. In the- on the land plan, there was a grayed out

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01:18:45.308 --> 01:18:49.148

area for the substation. Um, no compulsory acquisition powers are being sought

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01:18:49.208 --> 01:18:53.028

there because it's covered by the connection offer, um, that the applicant

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01:18:53.068 --> 01:18:56.328

o- has. Um, but the area surrounding the

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01:18:56.368 --> 01:19:00.308

substation, which is not part of the kind of operational substation

that's

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01:19:00.348 --> 01:19:03.968

owned by National Grid, um, the applicant is seeking compulsory acquisition

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01:19:04.048 --> 01:19:07.668

powers over that land in the absence of a voluntary agreement

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01:19:07.708 --> 01:19:11.378

being, um, uh, agreed for the easements

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01:19:11.468 --> 01:19:15.088

rights. And again, um, in order to seek those compulsory acquisition

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01:19:15.148 --> 01:19:19.048

powers, it's necessary to include the details of everybody

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01:19:19.108 --> 01:19:22.288

else who has an interest in that land.

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01:19:22.348 --> 01:19:25.702

Um, the DCO itself obviously---

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01:19:25.852 --> 01:19:27.882

includes powers to,

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01:19:27.992 --> 01:19:31.522

um, uh, either restrict or,

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01:19:31.632 --> 01:19:35.402

um, temporarily suspend, um, any private rights

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01:19:35.572 --> 01:19:38.992

way to the extent that that's required in order to

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01:19:39.052 --> 01:19:42.972

construct, um, the scheme. So if,

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01:19:43.012 --> 01:19:44.362

if for example, um,

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01:19:45.372 --> 01:19:49.112
the, the cabling as it goes into the national grid substation, um,

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01:19:49.292 --> 01:19:51.992
the exact bay that the, um,

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01:19:52.892 --> 01:19:55.992
applicant will be given to connect into isn't yet

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01:19:56.072 --> 01:19:59.842
known, um, so that's why the applicant has included,

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01:19:59.932 --> 01:20:03.852
um, rights all around, um, the substation so that there's the
ability

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01:20:03.872 --> 01:20:07.772
to bring cabling from the project substation into any of the given

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01:20:07.852 --> 01:20:11.642
bays in Grendon substation. If that cabling, um,

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01:20:11.832 --> 01:20:15.752
were to, um, need to, um, cross the public

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01:20:15.772 --> 01:20:19.762
right of way, um, that, um,

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01:20:19.762 --> 01:20:23.372
Ms. Howell was being... uh, was referring to, then the DCO

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01:20:23.452 --> 01:20:27.292
would, um, allow for that... the use of that private

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01:20:27.332 --> 01:20:31.292
right of way to be temporarily, um, suspended whilst those
construction

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01:20:31.332 --> 01:20:34.912
works were taking place, is, is a, is a power that is

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01:20:34.952 --> 01:20:35.552
included,

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01:20:36.352 --> 01:20:39.392
um, in the DC0. Um, but in, in... to the extent

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01:20:39.552 --> 01:20:40.772
that, um,

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01:20:42.672 --> 01:20:46.472
any more permanent interference, um, would be required without

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01:20:46.482 --> 01:20:49.172
public right of way, that would only be insofar as it was

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01:20:49.212 --> 01:20:52.922
inconsistent, um, with the rights being sought, which, um,

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01:20:53.312 --> 01:20:56.412
is unlikely to apply here, 'cause obviously once the cable's been
constructed then

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01:20:56.992 --> 01:21:00.942
use of the public right of... uh, use of the private right of way,
um,

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01:21:01.052 --> 01:21:04.672
can continue. And as it's been said, the, um, plots

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01:21:04.752 --> 01:21:07.702
13, 169 and plots 13,

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01:21:08.372 --> 01:21:12.252
170 are, um, intended for habitat mitigation

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01:21:12.332 --> 01:21:16.072
areas. Um, so hopefully that

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01:21:16.092 --> 01:21:18.102
provides an explanation as to why

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01:21:18.952 --> 01:21:22.162
the private right of way has been included, um, and why you've been

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01:21:23.252 --> 01:21:26.472
notified, um, of the, the DCO

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01:21:26.512 --> 01:21:27.572
process.

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01:21:29.632 --> 01:21:32.792
Thank you, Ms. Brodrick. Uh, Mrs. Howell, have you got things to
come back on?

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01:21:32.992 --> 01:21:36.732
Yes, just one point please. Um, if I, um, if I take that as

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01:21:36.772 --> 01:21:40.552
read, then y- what you're saying is that the, let's call it the
worst case

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01:21:40.612 --> 01:21:44.351
scenario, will be a temporary suspension of a private right of way.

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01:21:44.852 --> 01:21:45.132
Um,

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01:21:46.752 --> 01:21:50.412
that doesn't show as a temporary suspension on the plans, and it
doesn't say a

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01:21:50.472 --> 01:21:53.612
temporary suspension in the Book of Reference.

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01:21:53.652 --> 01:21:57.472
In the Book of Reference, it, uh, doesn't

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01:21:57.512 --> 01:22:00.112
mention anything about temporary, I don't believe.

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01:22:00.172 --> 01:22:00.732

If it does, I

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01:22:00.752 --> 01:22:04.552
apologize.

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01:22:10.232 --> 01:22:11.532
Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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01:22:11.612 --> 01:22:15.502
Um, the...

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01:22:15.552 --> 01:22:19.432
in the Book of Reference, it states, um, the powers

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01:22:19.452 --> 01:22:21.372
being sought as against the landowner.

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01:22:21.412 --> 01:22:25.312
So it will say acquisition of rights or say acquisition of freehold
or all

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01:22:25.332 --> 01:22:28.932
interests in. Um, the, um, provisions

1371
01:22:28.992 --> 01:22:32.752
relating to interference with private rights are contained in
Article

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01:22:32.972 --> 01:22:36.852
25 of the draft DCO, and that states

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01:22:36.912 --> 01:22:38.092
that, um,

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01:22:39.932 --> 01:22:43.472
th- the powers there provide that it's only in

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01:22:43.752 --> 01:22:47.692
the... it's only so far as the exercise of

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01:22:47.712 --> 01:22:51.532

the private right of way would be inconsistent, um, with the

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01:22:51.572 --> 01:22:55.102

powers required under the s- under the scheme. So i- i- it's...

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01:22:55.102 --> 01:22:58.672

it sets out both the freehold scenario, um, where you've

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01:22:58.712 --> 01:23:02.562

got, um, two overlapping rights and where you're

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01:23:02.612 --> 01:23:06.592

using temporary possession power, uh, temporary construction,

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01:23:06.652 --> 01:23:10.552

uh, works. So it's Article 25 that sets that out

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01:23:10.632 --> 01:23:11.992

but it doesn't,

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01:23:12.072 --> 01:23:16.062

um... the DCO doesn't...

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01:23:16.062 --> 01:23:17.881

there's nowhere in the application documents...

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01:23:17.912 --> 01:23:21.592

it's correct, it doesn't go through each particular right and specify what the

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01:23:21.632 --> 01:23:25.572

intention is for them. That, that level of detail isn't provided for in the Book

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01:23:25.592 --> 01:23:28.062

of Reference, no.

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01:23:28.112 --> 01:23:30.262

Thank you for clarifying. Mrs. Howell, anything

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01:23:30.332 --> 01:23:32.142

further?

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01:23:32.212 --> 01:23:35.332

I don't feel very reassured. Um, I have,

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01:23:35.472 --> 01:23:38.812

uh, an understanding of what the intention

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01:23:38.872 --> 01:23:42.552

is. I think the letter of what's contained within the

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01:23:42.571 --> 01:23:44.612

DCO and within the Book of Reference

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01:23:45.592 --> 01:23:49.072

should be more specific. It causes a lot of angst to a lot of

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01:23:49.112 --> 01:23:52.972

people when they see that any kind of compulsory powers,

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01:23:53.352 --> 01:23:57.152

restrictions or acquisitions are formulated upon them

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01:23:57.372 --> 01:23:59.032

or their properties.

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01:24:00.332 --> 01:24:02.412

And I would strongly suggest

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01:24:03.252 --> 01:24:07.072

that it's actually handled in a much more sensitive way, and that it's actually

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01:24:07.092 --> 01:24:10.412

thought through. And if it's temporary powers we're talking about, let's put the

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01:24:10.452 --> 01:24:14.052

word temporary in there. If it's not, let's have an argument about whether it's

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01:24:14.092 --> 01:24:17.712
temporary or permanent. That's it.

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01:24:19.052 --> 01:24:21.772
Thank you very much, Mrs. Howell.

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01:24:24.352 --> 01:24:27.682
(whispering) Grab your microphone. Yes, it's got...

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01:24:27.712 --> 01:24:31.632
Yeah. Can you... Um, next on my list then,

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01:24:31.672 --> 01:24:35.252
I've got Mr. Hope. I understand you would like the microphone
brought to you, is

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01:24:35.292 --> 01:24:36.292
that correct?

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01:24:58.032 --> 01:25:10.882
Good

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01:25:10.932 --> 01:25:11.332
afternoon.

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01:25:11.342 --> 01:25:15.012
(sneezes) Thank you for this opportunity to h- may I raise a few
points.

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01:25:15.072 --> 01:25:18.832
Uh, Sheena is a neighbor of mine and I rent, uh, some land off

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01:25:18.852 --> 01:25:22.792
her. Um, firstly, I'd like to say I vehemently object

1413
01:25:22.852 --> 01:25:23.612
to the whole scheme

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01:25:24.912 --> 01:25:28.692
and for what it's worth, and I think Comp & Estate should be

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01:25:28.752 --> 01:25:32.084
held to account, uh-... for allowing this scheme to go ahead.

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01:25:32.184 --> 01:25:36.064
I think it's a blight on a ... It's a very pretty part of the

1417
01:25:36.164 --> 01:25:39.914
county, and I think it's upset so many people. It's ...

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01:25:39.924 --> 01:25:43.124
Anyhow, uh, I think we're fighting a losing

1419
01:25:43.224 --> 01:25:45.644
battle. Uh, but anyway, I

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01:25:46.764 --> 01:25:50.704
... My, uh, involvement is quite small com- compared

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01:25:50.724 --> 01:25:53.404
to the whole scheme. It's a ten-acre field

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01:25:54.344 --> 01:25:56.784
on the outskirts of the proposed battery

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01:25:57.804 --> 01:26:01.724
scheme. Um, nevertheless,

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01:26:02.403 --> 01:26:04.784
it's a, it's a grass field which we

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01:26:05.664 --> 01:26:09.444
graze with cattle, sheep and horses kept together obviously, but at

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01:26:09.464 --> 01:26:12.644
different times of the year. Uh, it will have a huge

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01:26:13.044 --> 01:26:13.544
impact

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01:26:14.484 --> 01:26:18.124
in terms of not being able to use this land for a considerable

amount of

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01:26:18.204 --> 01:26:20.044
time. And

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01:26:22.224 --> 01:26:25.724
so, I'd like to have some clarification on that.

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01:26:25.864 --> 01:26:26.904
Uh, it would also

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01:26:27.764 --> 01:26:31.654
impact, i- impact us on, uh, the fact that we would

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01:26:31.724 --> 01:26:35.554
lose access to, to that field for the ex-

1434
01:26:35.764 --> 01:26:38.814
extent of time it takes to lay these cables.

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01:26:39.744 --> 01:26:40.064
Um

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01:26:45.784 --> 01:26:49.514
... Furthermore, we've got a ... We have a farm, a farm in the, in
the

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01:26:49.604 --> 01:26:53.464
village, and also a farm on the eastern

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01:26:53.484 --> 01:26:55.764
road which overlooks the Eastern Mordant,

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01:26:56.844 --> 01:27:00.464
so we have a lot of farm traffic going backwards and forwards
obviously, and it

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01:27:00.484 --> 01:27:03.884
would be very disruptive having, having, uh,

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01:27:03.944 --> 01:27:07.704

interruptions to traffic flow, um,

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01:27:08.744 --> 01:27:11.964
over a long period of time. Uh,

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01:27:13.544 --> 01:27:17.524
so I'd really l- like some ... I gather the inspectors are coming to

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01:27:17.764 --> 01:27:20.894
pay a visit tomorrow, so they can see, see for

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01:27:20.904 --> 01:27:24.884
themselves, um, you know, the problem

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01:27:24.904 --> 01:27:25.664
we've got. But

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01:27:26.644 --> 01:27:28.944
in my opinion,

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01:27:29.084 --> 01:27:32.924
um, because Compton Estates are gonna be the

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01:27:32.944 --> 01:27:36.804
beneficiary of this scheme, that the approach

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01:27:36.844 --> 01:27:40.224
to the batteries should be on their land

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01:27:40.884 --> 01:27:41.944
rather than mine.

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01:27:42.904 --> 01:27:46.784
Uh, and I can't ... It would involve another road crossing, but
apart from

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01:27:46.824 --> 01:27:48.204
that, I can't see what the problem would

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01:27:48.264 --> 01:27:52.084
be. Any other

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01:27:52.124 --> 01:27:54.164
points here?

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01:27:54.244 --> 01:27:57.604
Um, just how long are the temporary, how long is the temporary

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01:27:57.844 --> 01:27:59.653
suspension? He wants to know.

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01:27:59.664 --> 01:28:00.334
How long is what?

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01:28:00.344 --> 01:28:03.314
How long is the temporary suspension?

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01:28:03.344 --> 01:28:04.184
Well, I already said that.

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01:28:04.244 --> 01:28:04.704
Yeah, okay.

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01:28:04.724 --> 01:28:05.653
Yeah. Um,

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01:28:07.624 --> 01:28:10.314
so really they were the points I wanted to raise. I don't want to
sort of ...

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01:28:10.424 --> 01:28:12.933
I don't want to sort of extend beyond that but, um,

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01:28:13.844 --> 01:28:16.544
these are important points. But I have to say

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01:28:17.924 --> 01:28:20.984
that Green Hill have been very polite and courteous in my

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01:28:21.784 --> 01:28:24.794
short involvement with them, and I ...

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01:28:24.844 --> 01:28:28.634

So I appreciate that. And I also appreciate the fact that they've got a job to do,

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01:28:28.724 --> 01:28:31.864

but, but, um, it does impact a lot of people.

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01:28:31.904 --> 01:28:35.554

It's g- it's gonna be a blight on the countryside, not just in our area, but

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01:28:35.804 --> 01:28:39.414

on other, on the other parts of the, other parts of the county as

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01:28:39.464 --> 01:28:43.424

well. And I think it should be s- strongly reconsidered whether this is

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01:28:43.464 --> 01:28:46.664

the right thing to be doing. Thank

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01:28:46.704 --> 01:28:48.124

you.

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01:28:48.184 --> 01:28:51.824

Thank you, Mr. Hope. Ms. Prodig, did you want to come back on any points,

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01:28:52.184 --> 01:28:54.784

or any of your colleagues?

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01:28:54.884 --> 01:28:56.344

Uh, Claire Prodigy for the applicant.

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01:28:56.424 --> 01:29:00.364

Um, I'll just deal with the sort of compulsory acquisition

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01:29:00.964 --> 01:29:03.114

related points rather than, um ...

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01:29:03.114 --> 01:29:06.324

Al- albeit that the, the more general comments about the scheme as a

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01:29:06.404 --> 01:29:09.464
whole, um, are, are definitely noted.

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01:29:09.544 --> 01:29:09.754
Um-

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01:29:10.624 --> 01:29:12.984
Sorry, Ms. Prodig. Sorry. Uh, John's having trouble hearing.

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01:29:12.994 --> 01:29:15.174
Sorry. I stepped as opposed to ... (laughs)

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01:29:15.174 --> 01:29:18.724
(laughs) Uh, Claire Prodigy for the applicant. I'll try and look in
your direction.

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01:29:18.744 --> 01:29:19.244
Is that-

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01:29:19.284 --> 01:29:19.564
Okay.

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01:29:19.574 --> 01:29:23.284
... better whilst I speak? Um, I was just saying

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01:29:23.304 --> 01:29:24.034
that, um,

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01:29:24.844 --> 01:29:28.584
because this is a compulsory acquisition hearing and I, and I do
appreciate the

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01:29:28.624 --> 01:29:32.544
confusion between the various different types of hearings, I'll just
deal

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01:29:32.564 --> 01:29:35.684
with the points that relate to compulsory acquisition.

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01:29:35.704 --> 01:29:39.304

But your more general points about the scheme, um, have

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01:29:39.344 --> 01:29:43.324

been noted and I wonder if, if you're not proposing to

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01:29:43.384 --> 01:29:47.253

come to the open floor hearing, um, on

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01:29:47.264 --> 01:29:50.904

Friday, then we can kind of respond to those elements, those

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01:29:50.974 --> 01:29:54.804

points that you've made in today's hearings as if they'd been sort of made at

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01:29:54.884 --> 01:29:58.424

an, an open floor hearing, if, if that makes sense, um, in terms of

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01:29:58.464 --> 01:30:02.304

general, um, concerns about the scheme and traffic impacts and things like

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01:30:02.364 --> 01:30:05.904

that. So, we will respond to those, but we'll do it in, in that

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01:30:05.964 --> 01:30:06.934

context rather than

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01:30:07.764 --> 01:30:10.144

for compulsory acquisition purposes.

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01:30:10.844 --> 01:30:14.744

Um, in terms of the, um,

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01:30:14.764 --> 01:30:17.484

construction methodology and disruption during

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01:30:17.584 --> 01:30:19.284

construction, um,

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01:30:20.104 --> 01:30:23.724
the outlying, um, construction environmental management

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01:30:23.824 --> 01:30:27.724
plan sets out how construction of the cable route

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01:30:27.864 --> 01:30:31.804
will be undertaken, and sets out the, uh,

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01:30:31.844 --> 01:30:34.264
various measures in terms of, uh,

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01:30:35.164 --> 01:30:38.204
mitigation measures that will be undertaken during that timeframe.

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01:30:38.224 --> 01:30:42.024
There is also, um, an outline soil management plan

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01:30:42.524 --> 01:30:46.024
which sets out, um, the measures that will be put in place to

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01:30:46.124 --> 01:30:50.084
protect soils during construction, and then as part

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01:30:50.164 --> 01:30:54.124
of the restoration process. So, um, there

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01:30:54.164 --> 01:30:57.704
are various, um, commitments by the applicant

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01:30:58.144 --> 01:31:02.104
in terms of the actual construction, um, of the cable route

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01:31:02.184 --> 01:31:05.824
corridor that, um, uh, I'm sure, um,

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01:31:06.284 --> 01:31:10.084
we can provide you more detail with, or point you in the direction of

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01:31:10.144 --> 01:31:12.764

those various commitments. Um,

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01:31:13.944 --> 01:31:17.174

in terms of, um, sort of financial, um,

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01:31:17.244 --> 01:31:20.844

disruption during the construction period, then,

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01:31:20.964 --> 01:31:24.820

um-... as has been mentioned, we've been trying to negotiate a voluntary

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01:31:24.840 --> 01:31:28.600

agreement which sets out, um, the terms both in

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01:31:28.640 --> 01:31:32.120

terms of, um, easement payments, but also how, um,

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01:31:32.280 --> 01:31:35.920

any, um, losses during construction would be dealt with.

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In the event, um, that you decided not to sign a

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voluntary agreement, then the compulsory acquisition powers

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01:31:44.120 --> 01:31:48.000

provide for compensation, um, as a result of,

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01:31:48.080 --> 01:31:51.680

um, the rights and the disturbance during that process.

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01:31:51.720 --> 01:31:55.570

So, there is a mechanism within the regime to

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01:31:55.620 --> 01:31:59.480

compensate anybody who is, uh, affected by,

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01:31:59.560 --> 01:32:02.270

um, the compulsory acquisition, uh,

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01:32:02.520 --> 01:32:06.170
powers. You mentioned, um,

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01:32:06.840 --> 01:32:10.460
an alternative route that you, um, thought should have

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01:32:10.500 --> 01:32:12.760
been considered. I wondered if you might

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01:32:14.060 --> 01:32:17.720
just confirm where, where that might be, again, for

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01:32:17.780 --> 01:32:21.700
our, for our benefit and then we can respond, um, in

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01:32:21.760 --> 01:32:25.340
our written submission as to why, um, we've selected this

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01:32:25.360 --> 01:32:29.020
particular route, um, as opposed to, um, an

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01:32:29.060 --> 01:32:31.840
alternative that you think may be preferable.

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01:32:31.860 --> 01:32:33.440
Thank you.

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01:32:36.360 --> 01:32:40.180
Thank you, Ms. Brodrick. Uh, Mr. Hope, did you want to come back on
any of those

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01:32:40.220 --> 01:32:43.420
points, um, at this stage?

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01:32:43.520 --> 01:32:47.160
Uh, well, well, the, what, the route that I think would be

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01:32:47.360 --> 01:32:50.180
preferable w- w- is, is basically other side of the

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01:32:50.240 --> 01:32:54.160
road. Uh, it would involve two road, two

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01:32:54.180 --> 01:32:57.800
road crossings rather than one. That's the point.

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01:32:59.000 --> 01:33:02.960
They call it... I have raised it with somebody, they call it
designated parkland so

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01:33:03.020 --> 01:33:06.880
they can't go in there, but, but uh, I think that's a bit of a
nonsense really.

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01:33:06.900 --> 01:33:10.890
And if you can, if you can override everybody else's objections,
then I

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01:33:10.920 --> 01:33:13.940
can't see why that, that's, uh, could present a

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01:33:13.980 --> 01:33:16.460
problem.

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01:33:18.180 --> 01:33:20.900
This thing working? All right.

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01:33:22.520 --> 01:33:26.020
But as regards, as regards, um,

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01:33:26.080 --> 01:33:29.600
compensation, I think it's quite wrong which an agent acting on your

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01:33:29.620 --> 01:33:33.580
behalf has offered compensation before planning has even

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01:33:33.620 --> 01:33:34.809
been approved,

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01:33:35.680 --> 01:33:39.589
uh, and also made the comment that the compensation would

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01:33:39.640 --> 01:33:43.200

be paid regardless of whether the permission was given or not, so I think it's

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01:33:43.260 --> 01:33:45.180

absolute nonsense.

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01:33:47.280 --> 01:33:50.640

I think if, if you're not aware of that, they should be held to account on that

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01:33:50.660 --> 01:33:51.660

one.

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01:33:51.720 --> 01:33:55.680

Thank you, Mr. Hope. Thank you. Um, is that something then I can leave with you to

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01:33:55.700 --> 01:33:59.320

signpost, uh, Mr. Hope, to the various documents and sort of have further

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01:33:59.380 --> 01:34:02.260

discussions or is there anything further you'd like to come back on

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01:34:02.320 --> 01:34:03.630

now?

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01:34:03.740 --> 01:34:05.020

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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01:34:05.080 --> 01:34:07.230

Um, I've just checked with my colleagues and they, um,

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01:34:08.280 --> 01:34:11.420

they understand the route that you were suggesting, so we've got that

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01:34:11.620 --> 01:34:15.160

information. Um, in terms of the voluntary

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01:34:15.200 --> 01:34:19.180
agreements, it is, um, these are options and that's the standard

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01:34:19.200 --> 01:34:23.170
approach, um, for, um, nationally significant infrastructure
projects

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01:34:23.170 --> 01:34:26.900
where you would try and enter into a voluntary agreement, um,

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01:34:26.980 --> 01:34:30.280
at the, uh, pre-consent stage. In fact,

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01:34:30.340 --> 01:34:34.120
the guidance does require applicants to try to negotiate

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01:34:34.260 --> 01:34:36.880
voluntary agreements, um, with everyone.

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01:34:36.980 --> 01:34:40.440
Um, I think what you're referring to is there are, you know, there
is a

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01:34:40.540 --> 01:34:44.140
payment, um, payable for signing that option

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01:34:44.500 --> 01:34:48.040
agreement and again that is, um, standard across, um,

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01:34:48.460 --> 01:34:52.440
the DCO process as, um, uh, an incentive

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01:34:52.560 --> 01:34:56.320
to, um, encourage, uh, land owners to engage at this

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01:34:56.400 --> 01:34:58.280
stage of the process rather than waiting.

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01:34:58.320 --> 01:34:59.920
But as I said, um,

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01:35:01.040 --> 01:35:04.980

the applicant's obligation to reach voluntary negotiations,

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01:35:05.080 --> 01:35:08.980

um, does continue, um, and even if you were

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01:35:09.040 --> 01:35:12.790

not minded to sign a voluntary agreement now, um,

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01:35:12.840 --> 01:35:16.680

then, uh, discussions could take place once the DCO's been granted
as

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01:35:16.720 --> 01:35:19.240

well. Thank you.

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01:35:20.200 --> 01:35:23.040

Thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Hope. Oh, Ms. Howell.

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01:35:23.050 --> 01:35:25.600

Oh, just, just like to stress one more point that, uh, Mr.

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01:35:25.620 --> 01:35:28.520

Hope did make in that because of the, um,

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01:35:28.820 --> 01:35:32.560

geography of the, uh, cable laying, it's all along the road, if you

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01:35:32.620 --> 01:35:35.649

notice it's a strip along the road because you cross over from what
we call the

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01:35:35.720 --> 01:35:39.110

sledging field, uh, and then turning into Castle Ashby, and then
it's the

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01:35:39.360 --> 01:35:42.569

strip leading up to, um, I think it's

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01:35:42.569 --> 01:35:46.420

171B I think it is. Um, and effectively

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01:35:46.460 --> 01:35:49.340

what that does is it actually limits all of Mr.

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01:35:49.360 --> 01:35:52.680

Hope's access points into those fields.

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01:35:53.000 --> 01:35:56.380

So that is, that, that's a problem that we have and we, and we really ought to

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01:35:56.420 --> 01:35:59.490

recognize and you guys need to come up with a plan for how to get around that

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01:35:59.500 --> 01:36:03.420

because otherwise you have a farmer with no access to several of his fields

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01:36:03.520 --> 01:36:07.280

which I think is probably not very commonsensical.

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01:36:07.300 --> 01:36:09.660

And I'm sure you can find a solution.

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01:36:09.720 --> 01:36:13.360

Thank you, Mrs. Howell. Um, Ms. Brodrick, can I leave you to look into those

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01:36:13.480 --> 01:36:16.270

points then? Thank you very much. Thank you for your time. Thank you.

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01:36:16.300 --> 01:36:16.900

Thank you.

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01:36:16.920 --> 01:36:20.320

(whispers) Just one last...

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01:36:20.360 --> 01:36:23.500

Okay. Um, and now I've got Mrs. Elderkin, um,

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01:36:23.540 --> 01:36:25.540
online.

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01:36:26.620 --> 01:36:30.480
Hello. Yes, I'm Helen Elderkin. Um, I've

1611
01:36:30.540 --> 01:36:33.600
been written to recently about the subsoil rights

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01:36:33.680 --> 01:36:37.510
outside of our house. Um, just

1613
01:36:37.560 --> 01:36:40.960
wondering why you need that part of the road

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01:36:42.440 --> 01:36:45.460
a- and what that actually means for me.

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01:36:45.560 --> 01:36:46.000
Um,

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01:36:48.080 --> 01:36:51.660
and also I've been contacted about the right of way across the

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01:36:51.720 --> 01:36:53.430
substation title

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01:36:53.440 --> 01:36:57.270
deeds. So it's just to ask more about

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01:36:57.300 --> 01:36:59.440
that really.

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01:37:01.140 --> 01:37:04.700
Thank you, Mrs. Elderkin. Uh, Ms. Brodrick,

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01:37:05.820 --> 01:37:08.400
do you want to come back on those points?

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01:37:09.640 --> 01:37:11.120

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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01:37:11.180 --> 01:37:13.200
I think if we go to plot

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01:37:13.320 --> 01:37:16.940
13-117B, I believe that's the

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01:37:17.820 --> 01:37:20.720
plot that's being, um, referred to, so just further

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01:37:20.760 --> 01:37:38.330
south. We'll

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01:37:38.389 --> 01:37:41.870
just find it on the plan. Hang on a second.

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01:37:43.510 --> 01:37:44.889
It's on, um, sheet

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01:37:44.929 --> 01:37:49.610
13.

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01:37:52.010 --> 01:37:55.990
(pauses) So it's sp- it's split over two sheets, so it's a bit,

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01:37:56.090 --> 01:37:57.410
uh, there, yeah.

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01:37:57.650 --> 01:37:58.670
Okay.

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01:37:58.690 --> 01:38:00.150
Okay.

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01:38:01.610 --> 01:38:05.570
Um, so I don't, um, (smacks lips) know if Ms.

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01:38:05.730 --> 01:38:09.170
Elderton was listening earlier, but this is a similar, uh,

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01:38:09.179 --> 01:38:12.530
scenario to, um, the plot we were talking out, about

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01:38:12.570 --> 01:38:14.070
before, um,

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01:38:15.090 --> 01:38:18.360
in relation to, um,

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01:38:19.550 --> 01:38:23.440
the access to the cable route corridor and the need to include,

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01:38:23.530 --> 01:38:27.210
um, areas for, um, visibility splays and potential traffic

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01:38:27.269 --> 01:38:31.250
regulation measures. Um, so this is, um,

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01:38:31.309 --> 01:38:34.809
public highway where we may require, um, the

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01:38:34.830 --> 01:38:37.429
ability to put in place those sorts of measures.

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01:38:38.010 --> 01:38:41.990
Um, those, any measures or any works to the, um,

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01:38:42.429 --> 01:38:46.190
highway would need to be approved by the highway authority, uh, un-
under the

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01:38:46.269 --> 01:38:50.050
requirements and the, um, uh, construction traffic

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01:38:50.150 --> 01:38:54.050
management plan. Um, as I was explaining before,

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01:38:54.130 --> 01:38:57.870
if we're including the land within the order limits, then we have

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01:38:57.950 --> 01:39:01.530
to include anyone that we may think has an interest

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01:39:02.250 --> 01:39:06.110
in the land, including the subsoil to that land,

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01:39:06.190 --> 01:39:09.010
even though we're not proposing any works to the subsoil.

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01:39:09.070 --> 01:39:12.750
It's just a requirement of the process to identify anyone who's got
an

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01:39:12.790 --> 01:39:16.429
interest in the land. Um, what we

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01:39:16.470 --> 01:39:19.540
believe here is that the, um,

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01:39:20.570 --> 01:39:24.110
persons who own properties either side of the road, um,

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01:39:24.410 --> 01:39:27.929
have, under a legal presumption, um, an interest in the

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01:39:27.970 --> 01:39:31.910
subsoil up to the midpoint, um, where, where the road is not

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01:39:31.990 --> 01:39:35.550
registered to the, um, uh, local highway

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01:39:35.570 --> 01:39:39.030
authority or forming part of another registered title.

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01:39:39.070 --> 01:39:42.920
So that's, um, why, um, uh, Ms.

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01:39:42.929 --> 01:39:45.910
Elderton has been included in the book of reference.

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01:39:46.010 --> 01:39:49.650

Um, we're not seeking to do any, uh, have any interference with her

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01:39:50.030 --> 01:39:53.650

potential subsoil right. It's just a requirement of the

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01:39:53.690 --> 01:39:57.150

process that we need to include her in the book of reference.

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01:39:57.190 --> 01:40:01.050

And as a result of that, she's received, um, various notices

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01:40:01.130 --> 01:40:04.889

as a result. Um, but yes, as I said, any works

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01:40:04.910 --> 01:40:08.750

to that highway for visibility and to ensure safe access to the

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01:40:08.790 --> 01:40:12.300

cable route would be approved by the highway authority.

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01:40:12.300 --> 01:40:14.330

Thank you.

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01:40:14.410 --> 01:40:18.130

Thank you, Ms. Brodrick. Uh, Mrs. Elderton, does that help,

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01:40:18.230 --> 01:40:18.920

um, your understanding-

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01:40:18.920 --> 01:40:22.330

Well, it does answer the question because I was gonna, gonna raise, um, how

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01:40:22.450 --> 01:40:25.929

congested that road gets at busy times of the day

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01:40:26.090 --> 01:40:29.710

anyway. And I understand you're gonna cross that road further up

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01:40:29.769 --> 01:40:31.380

towards the stream anyway,

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01:40:32.210 --> 01:40:34.410
um, which is gonna cause congestion.

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01:40:34.420 --> 01:40:38.090
And I'm just wondering how you're going to, uh, mitigate

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01:40:38.170 --> 01:40:40.849
that, that congestion in the, uh, busy

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01:40:40.910 --> 01:40:43.670
periods.

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01:40:51.870 --> 01:40:54.790
Ms. Brodrick, I appreciate you haven't got highways engineers here.

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01:40:54.830 --> 01:40:57.690
So if that's something you need to perhaps signpost or come back

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01:40:57.750 --> 01:40:59.809
on, by all means.

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01:41:00.990 --> 01:41:04.710
Okay. So if, okay, if we, um, disregard that part

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01:41:04.750 --> 01:41:06.460
then, what about the, um-

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01:41:07.309 --> 01:41:09.230
Ms. Brodrick, Ms. Brodrick might wish to answer it. I don't know.

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01:41:09.250 --> 01:41:11.150
I was just giving her the opportunity.

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01:41:11.250 --> 01:41:12.790
Uh, Claire Brodrick for the app- applicant.

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01:41:12.809 --> 01:41:16.769
Yeah, I don't have the spec- the details of the specific traffic
measures for this

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01:41:16.790 --> 01:41:20.630

particular, um, uh, road crossing,

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01:41:20.730 --> 01:41:24.710

um, available at the moment. We can have a look and provide it in

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01:41:24.790 --> 01:41:28.660

the written, um, summary. But, um, there will

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01:41:28.750 --> 01:41:31.849

be a, a suite of measures put in place, um, to

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01:41:31.910 --> 01:41:34.830

manage, uh, traffic flows in this location.

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01:41:34.849 --> 01:41:36.400

Thank you.

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01:41:36.429 --> 01:41:38.290

Thank you. Mrs. Elderton.

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01:41:39.510 --> 01:41:43.450

Um, just about the right of access to the rear of the property,

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01:41:43.590 --> 01:41:47.570

um, and how that will affect... I've got somebody looking into it for me,

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01:41:47.610 --> 01:41:51.070

but, um, I haven't heard back yet.

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01:41:51.830 --> 01:41:53.250

Thank you.

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01:41:54.050 --> 01:41:57.269

Ms. Brodrick. I'm sorry.

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01:41:58.969 --> 01:42:00.230

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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01:42:00.290 --> 01:42:03.700
Um, yes, uh, m- my understanding is that, um, a

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01:42:03.710 --> 01:42:06.930
potential, uh, private right of way was, was

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01:42:07.030 --> 01:42:10.930
mentioned, um, by, uh, Ms. Elderton to, uh, the

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01:42:10.969 --> 01:42:14.950
applicant's land agent, um, but it wasn't clear

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01:42:15.090 --> 01:42:18.919
whether this, um, right of way was

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01:42:18.990 --> 01:42:20.900
actually within the order limits or not.

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01:42:20.910 --> 01:42:22.139
And I believe that's what,

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01:42:23.389 --> 01:42:26.260
um, uh, Ms. Elderton has, has gone away to have a look at, to see
whether it is,

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01:42:26.290 --> 01:42:28.730
does in fact interact with the order limits or not.

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01:42:28.750 --> 01:42:31.950
So once we have that information, we can obviously provide some more

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01:42:31.990 --> 01:42:33.030
detail.

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01:42:33.710 --> 01:42:37.170
Thank you. Um, so if I can leave that point sort of to discuss
between you.

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01:42:37.190 --> 01:42:39.150
Is that, is that okay?

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01:42:39.210 --> 01:42:39.969

Yeah.

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01:42:40.010 --> 01:42:41.070

Thank you.

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01:42:41.090 --> 01:42:43.070

Thank you. Uh, if, uh, anything else, Mrs.

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Elderton, then, at this stage?

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Uh, no. No, not really. Um, I, I have got concerns about the, uh,

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noise from the BESS factories and the vibration because we're

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very close to the substation and I do worry that,

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uh, that will be quite intrusive, especially at night when there's

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low level noise. And, um, I'm just wondering whether

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consideration has been given to that.

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Thank you, Mrs. Elderton. Um, I mean, those points are, um, outside of the

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compulsory acquisition considerations, but I'm sure Ms.

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Brodrick or her team will sort of point you in the right direction

of where you can

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find the information on those points, um, to have a look at, if that's

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01:43:23.430 --> 01:43:24.570

helpful.

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Okay.

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01:43:26.710 --> 01:43:27.830

Thank you.

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Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant. Um, yes, I believe there was...

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Um, we can provide some cross-references, but I think it's rep one, oh, gone,

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rep 1-168 and, um,

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APP-051, which provide details

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of the noise modeling that has been undertaken,

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01:43:49.250 --> 01:43:52.750

um, and specifically considers, um, residential

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receptors in proximity to, um, the BESS and the proposed

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substation. Um, we can provide some sign-pointing to that

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document. We may well take the same approach and, and put it down as
a sort

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of, um, a more general comment in our sort of response to

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open, uh, the op- sort of the open floor hearing remarks.

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01:44:10.969 --> 01:44:14.950
So that, 'cause I imagine noise might be something that's raised by
others, um, in

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01:44:15.010 --> 01:44:18.290
that hearing. So we'll make sure it's in there and we

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will, um, uh, 'cause we have Ms. Elderton's details,

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we, we will, we can let her know where she can find the answers.

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01:44:26.030 --> 01:44:27.410
Thank you.

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01:44:27.469 --> 01:44:27.719
Thank you.

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01:44:27.719 --> 01:44:27.719

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01:44:27.719 --> 01:44:28.870
Thank you. Thank you very much. Thank you.

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01:44:28.889 --> 01:44:31.090
Thanks, Mrs. Elderton. Thank you.

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01:44:31.170 --> 01:44:34.930
Um, that's everyone that I've got listed now, so I propose that we
probably take a

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short break before we move on to the next, um, item on the

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agenda. If everyone's content with that.

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Um, I don't know whether 15 minutes would be suitable and we come back at four

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o'clock?

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Yep.

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Okay. In which case, um, the hearing is adjourned until four o'clock.

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Thank you very

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much.