



Hearing Transcript

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Well, good morning. Uh, it is now ten AM

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00:00:04.320 --> 00:00:07.600

and time for this hearing to begin.

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00:00:07.700 --> 00:00:10.900

Um, I would like to welcome you all to this second

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00:00:11.140 --> 00:00:15.040

compulsory acquisition hearing for the Greenhill

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00:00:15.380 --> 00:00:18.980

Solar Farm project. Um, could I just confirm

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00:00:19.120 --> 00:00:22.480

that, people towards the back of the room can hear me

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00:00:22.560 --> 00:00:26.540

clearly? Thank you. Um, and also, if somebody

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00:00:26.580 --> 00:00:29.760

could just nod or put a hand up online.

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00:00:29.800 --> 00:00:30.680

Great, thank you.

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And could I also confirm with our case manager that the

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00:00:35.740 --> 00:00:38.820

live streaming and recording of this event has

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00:00:38.980 --> 00:00:42.700

commenced? Thank you. Uh, my name is

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00:00:42.740 --> 00:00:46.680

Mark Harrison. I am a planning inspector and a

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chartered town planner. I have been appointed by the Secretary of

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00:00:50.400 --> 00:00:54.220

State to be the lead member of the panel to examine

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this application. I'll now ask my fellow

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00:00:58.040 --> 00:01:01.960

panel members, one of whom, again, is joining us online,

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00:01:02.060 --> 00:01:05.360

to introduce themselves.

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00:01:06.180 --> 00:01:07.980

Good morning. My name is Rebecca Norman.

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I'm a chartered town planner and examining inspector.

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00:01:10.940 --> 00:01:14.060

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

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leading this morning's hearing.

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Good morning. My name is Kate Higgs.

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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 examining authority.

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So

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together, we constitute the examining authority for this

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00:01:41.820 --> 00:01:45.300
application. Our role is to examine the

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00:01:45.320 --> 00:01:49.260
application and to report to the Secretary of State for

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00:01:49.380 --> 00:01:53.280
Energy Security and Net Zero with a recommendation as

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00:01:53.380 --> 00:01:56.880
to whether or not the development consent order should be

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00:01:56.940 --> 00:02:00.720
made. Um, I'd also like to introduce the members of the

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00:02:00.740 --> 00:02:04.620
Planning Inspectorate's case team who are supporting us today

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00:02:04.680 --> 00:02:06.910
and sitting at the back of the room.

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00:02:07.020 --> 00:02:10.700
Um, we have Ryan Sedgman, who is case manager for

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00:02:10.759 --> 00:02:14.540
this project, and Sam Stevens, who is a case

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00:02:14.620 --> 00:02:18.440
officer. Uh, another case officer, Gerwyn Rigby,

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00:02:18.660 --> 00:02:21.220
provided support for those joining

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00:02:21.280 --> 00:02:24.980
online. In addition, technicians

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from the audio-visual company Event Video and

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TM Services are in attendance solely for the

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purpose of managing the recording and live

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00:02:36.160 --> 00:02:39.989

streaming of this hearing.

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00:02:40.360 --> 00:02:43.940

Now, I think looking around the room, I see entirely

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00:02:44.040 --> 00:02:47.520

familiar faces, so I think I can probably skip over housekeeping

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00:02:47.600 --> 00:02:51.360

matters. I think everybody knows, where everything is by

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00:02:51.420 --> 00:02:55.380

now. Um, and just to confirm again, there are no planned fire alarm tests,

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00:02:55.460 --> 00:02:59.380

so if the alarm does sound, we need to assemble

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00:02:59.520 --> 00:03:01.320

in the hotel car park.

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00:03:02.340 --> 00:03:06.200

Um, a recording of today's hearing will be made available

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on the Greenhill project section of the National

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Infrastructure Planning website as soon as practicable

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after this hearing is finished. And again, with this in mind,

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00:03:17.720 --> 00:03:21.160

please ensure that you speak clearly into a microphone,

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00:03:21.260 --> 00:03:24.660

stating your name and who you are representing each time

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00:03:24.960 --> 00:03:28.840

before you speak. Um, and if you are not at a

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00:03:28.920 --> 00:03:32.780

table, if you could just wait for the case team to bring a

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00:03:32.820 --> 00:03:36.640

microphone to you. Um, and a

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00:03:36.700 --> 00:03:40.580

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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today has familiarized themselves with the document,

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00:03:48.880 --> 00:03:51.240

but please speak to the case manager if you have any

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questions. So turning to the

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purpose of Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

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Two, the application for the

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proposed development includes a request for an order

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granting development consent, to authorize

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00:04:09.060 --> 00:04:12.840
compulsory acquisition of land or compulsory acquisition

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00:04:13.100 --> 00:04:16.680
of, an interest in or right over

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00:04:16.780 --> 00:04:20.360
land. And as with the first one, this hearing is to

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00:04:20.399 --> 00:04:23.940
enable the examining authority to hear and probe the

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00:04:24.000 --> 00:04:26.840
applicant's strategic case in respect of that

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00:04:27.060 --> 00:04:30.620
application. Uh, this hearing is

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00:04:30.740 --> 00:04:34.560
also for us to hear any individual

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objections from affected persons who are

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00:04:38.280 --> 00:04:41.820
interested parties with a legal interest in the

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land or rights over which the applicant is

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00:04:45.360 --> 00:04:48.520
seeking powers of compulsory acquisition

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00:04:49.240 --> 00:04:51.600
and/or temporary possession.

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00:04:52.780 --> 00:04:55.840
This hearing will help us to consider whether relevant

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legal and policy tests applicable to compulsory

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acquisition and temporary possession proposals have been

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00:05:03.880 --> 00:05:04.270

met.

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We published an agenda for this hearing on the second of

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March with an examination library reference

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of

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Um, and we will invite the applicant to summarize any

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implications arising, from their first change

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request before moving on to invite any affected

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persons in turn to summarize their case with

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respect to the compulsory acquisition and temporary

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possession powers being sought by the applicant.

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00:05:42.520 --> 00:05:45.860

And we will then give the applicant an opportunity to

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respond, to those cases made by affected

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persons, and we'll ask any questions that we might

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00:05:53.720 --> 00:05:56.120

consider necessary.

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00:05:57.040 --> 00:06:00.300

Um, so moving on now to introductions.

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00:06:00.960 --> 00:06:04.920

Um, could I first ask the applicant to please introduce its

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00:06:05.040 --> 00:06:08.960

team, including any advisors for this morning?

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00:06:11.850 --> 00:06:13.850

Good morning. My name is Claire Broderick.

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00:06:13.910 --> 00:06:17.830

I'm a partner at Pinsent Masons LLP, solicitors for the applicant,
Green

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00:06:17.890 --> 00:06:21.870

Hill Solar Farm Limited. Um, I'm joined by a number m-of members of
the

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00:06:21.910 --> 00:06:24.770

applicant's team. I'll let them introduce themselves.

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00:06:24.790 --> 00:06:28.590

We are all, in person today, so I'll just let the rest of the

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00:06:28.650 --> 00:06:29.890

team introduce themselves. Thank

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00:06:29.970 --> 00:06:34.410
you.

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00:06:34.490 --> 00:06:36.430
My name is Julian Barter for the applicant.

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00:06:36.530 --> 00:06:39.430
I'm the land agent.

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00:06:45.510 --> 00:06:48.540
Hello, I'm Leslie Giles, Project Development Manager for Island Green

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00:06:48.630 --> 00:06:50.470
Power.

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00:06:51.430 --> 00:06:53.750
Um, Jane Crichton for the applicant.

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00:06:53.770 --> 00:06:56.130
I'm, Technical Director at Lampro.

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00:06:56.230 --> 00:06:59.830
Uh, we're leading on planning and EIA matters.

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00:06:59.890 --> 00:07:03.750
Hi, I'm Charlotte Estrella, Associate EIA Consultant at Lampro.

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00:07:03.850 --> 00:07:05.870
Um, also EIA and planning matters.

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00:07:06.270 --> 00:07:13.190
Thank

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00:07:13.230 --> 00:07:13.790
you very much.

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00:07:15.550 --> 00:07:19.530
Uh, so I'm now going to ask, those affected persons

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00:07:19.570 --> 00:07:23.550

who have given notice of their intention to speak this morning to introduce

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00:07:23.590 --> 00:07:27.370

themselves. Um, you know, when I state your name, could you

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00:07:27.710 --> 00:07:31.590

please introduce yourself to confirm your name, who you represent,

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00:07:31.650 --> 00:07:35.440

if relevant, and a brief summary of your interest in the

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00:07:35.490 --> 00:07:39.210

land that would be affected by the proposed development.

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00:07:39.310 --> 00:07:42.930

Um, and again indicate how you'd wish to be addressed by

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00:07:42.990 --> 00:07:46.730

us, i.e., Mr, Mrs, Ms, et

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00:07:46.850 --> 00:07:47.320

cetera.

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00:07:48.430 --> 00:07:51.810

So I, I think actually, we only have quite a, a

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00:07:51.990 --> 00:07:55.970

short, list. Um, I think I can see the case team

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00:07:56.030 --> 00:07:59.900

hovering with a, a microphone. So, I think we've, we've

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00:07:59.930 --> 00:08:03.290

got, both Cerian and Matthew Partridge

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listed, but I've, I've understand Matthew's en

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00:08:06.310 --> 00:08:07.870

route.

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00:08:13.790 --> 00:08:17.170

Hello. Yeah, my s- my son attended a meeting

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00:08:17.550 --> 00:08:21.530

earlier, so he's more, in a position to speak about the queries

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00:08:21.570 --> 00:08:24.890

we have. So if you don't mind just waiting until he

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00:08:24.930 --> 00:08:28.110

arrives, he'll be,

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00:08:28.950 --> 00:08:32.010

here shortly, hopefully. Thank you.

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00:08:34.990 --> 00:08:38.951

Yeah. That's, that's fine. We-we-we will, do what we can and we'll keep an eye

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00:08:39.010 --> 00:08:42.150

out for, when Matthew arrives.

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00:08:42.470 --> 00:08:46.230

Um, we might, sort of rejig the agenda as, as

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00:08:46.290 --> 00:08:50.130

necessary potentially as well.

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Um, I, I think according to my spreadsheet,

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00:08:54.510 --> 00:08:56.850

p-potentially North Northamptonshire Council might

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00:08:56.910 --> 00:09:00.530

be... It doesn't say observing only s-on, on

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00:09:00.630 --> 00:09:04.370

this, spreadsheet, so I don't know whether, there's anything that you, you

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00:09:04.630 --> 00:09:06.450
might be contributing this morning.

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00:09:06.550 --> 00:09:10.490
Uh, Gary Grant, Calcel, instructed

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00:09:10.530 --> 00:09:13.390
on behalf of, North Northants Council.

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00:09:13.470 --> 00:09:17.270
Um, probably it should be observing o-only because n-that

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00:09:17.330 --> 00:09:20.110
is all that we intend to do within this session.

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00:09:20.150 --> 00:09:21.330
So thank you very much.

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00:09:27.030 --> 00:09:30.690
And, I think similarly, for the Stop

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00:09:30.810 --> 00:09:34.570
Green Hill Solar, Group, we've got you down on

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00:09:34.630 --> 00:09:37.690
the spreadsheet as observing only.

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00:09:37.810 --> 00:09:41.690
Uh, the spreadsheet is accurate. Thank you.

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00:09:43.250 --> 00:09:47.230
Thank you.

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00:09:49.130 --> 00:09:53.070
So, bearing in mind that the purpose of, today

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00:09:53.250 --> 00:09:57.130
is to hear from persons with a legal interest in

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any land affected by the proposed development, if I could

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00:10:00.750 --> 00:10:04.070
just ask if there is anyone else in attendance

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00:10:04.110 --> 00:10:07.450
today, who wishes to

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00:10:07.590 --> 00:10:11.340
speak. Um, don't think there's anybody else in the, the

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00:10:11.450 --> 00:10:14.590
room. And I'll just give

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00:10:15.530 --> 00:10:18.310
anybody who may be online a chance to put up a hand.

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00:10:18.850 --> 00:10:22.830
But again, we're not expecting anybody. No.

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00:10:23.190 --> 00:10:25.910
Okay. That's, that's great. Thank you.

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00:10:27.369 --> 00:10:30.950
So if I, hand over now to my colleague,

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00:10:30.990 --> 00:10:34.570
Mrs. Norman, to take us through the rest of the agenda.

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00:10:35.950 --> 00:10:39.930
Thank you. Um, so we're turning now then to agenda item three point

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00:10:40.090 --> 00:10:43.460
one. Um, and we've requested, just a summary from the

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00:10:43.510 --> 00:10:47.310
applicant, about any implications of change request one on the

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00:10:47.350 --> 00:10:50.630
compulsory acquisition and temporary possession powers. Uh, Ms.

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00:10:50.650 --> 00:10:53.360

Broderick, I'll hand over to you for that.

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00:10:53.370 --> 00:10:54.990

Thank you.

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00:10:55.090 --> 00:10:56.790

Uh, Claire Broderick for the applicant.

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Um, just bearing in mind the comments made by, Mrs.

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Partridge, because none of the, plots in relation to the change

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application actually affect their land interest, I don't think there's any issue

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00:11:06.930 --> 00:11:09.900

with me proceeding with this part wh-while we wait for Mr.

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00:11:09.930 --> 00:11:13.630

Partridge to arrive. Um, I set out in the,

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we've set out before in our change application documents details of,

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change request, one, and those are set out in

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CR one dash zero three nine. Um, and that was also

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accompanied by a supporting environmental information report, which is

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CR one dash zero four zero. Um,

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00:11:33.670 --> 00:11:36.990

changes one, three, six, seven, and nine

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00:11:37.570 --> 00:11:40.990

involve the addition of new land within the order limits or an increase in the

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compulsory acquisition powers being sought for land that was already

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within the order limits. All other changes,

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00:11:48.030 --> 00:11:51.770

removed land from the scheme or reduced the extent of compulsory acquisition

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powers being sought in the original, DCR

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application. Um, I'll just briefly go through each of the

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changes, that resulted in new or greater compulsory

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acquisition powers being sought.

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Um, and I will then also just give an update on the status of negotiation

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with those particular, landowners, for your

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information. So change number one related to the

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extension of a permissive path at Green Hill

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A.Um, this was required to ensure that the permissive

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00:12:23.080 --> 00:12:26.940

path actually reached, the boundary of the public highway.

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It had been identified that there was a small gap.

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Um, the land added into the order limits is, unregistered

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land, and it's plot zero one dash zero one one

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B. Um,

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or th--there's the land that forms part of the actual public highway itself, which

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00:12:42.720 --> 00:12:43.270

is zero one

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dash zero one one C. Uh, freehold acquisition is not

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required. Um,

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00:12:50.560 --> 00:12:54.260

oh, sorry, free-freehold acquisition is required of the plot that is unregistered

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land, which was the zero one dash zero one one B, to

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enable the applicant to, permit members of the public to

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use the permissive path. So rights only are not

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sufficient.

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00:13:09.520 --> 00:13:12.840

In terms of an update, the adjacent landowners,

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00:13:13.500 --> 00:13:17.400

to this unregistered plot of land have not been able to evidence title

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to the land in order to enter into a voluntary

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00:13:20.490 --> 00:13:24.200

agreement. Um, we've added the three adjacent landowners as

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00:13:24.219 --> 00:13:27.400

reputed ou- landowners in the book of reference.

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Um, so that reflects both the unknown ownership and the potential

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owners. But in terms of a voluntary agreement, because they haven't

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evidenced, land interest, we haven't, entered into a

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voluntary agreement on that basis.

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00:13:42.680 --> 00:13:46.340

In relation to change three, this was an extension of a permissive path at

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Greenhill A two site. Um, again,

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00:13:50.080 --> 00:13:53.860

this, was to ensure that the permissive path, reached

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the, boundary of the existing public bridge way.

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This change added in a new plot, zero two dash zero two

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nine B, and increased the level of compulsory acquisition

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powers being sought over part of plot zero three dash zero

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three one, resulting in this plot being split.

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Uh, as I said previously, freehold acquisition is required, in

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order for the applicant to permit other people, members of the public, to

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use the permissive path. Um, the land added

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into the order limits, which I think I mentioned at issue specific hearing

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four, is owned by Acan Developments Limited, and

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they had previously been listed in the book of reference as holding a presumed

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subsoil interest in the public highway, so weren't a completely new

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interest. Um, the applicant has been engaging with Acan

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Development Limited's, and signed heads of terms, have been

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00:14:46.260 --> 00:14:49.910
agreed for the voluntary agreement required, for that,

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00:14:50.800 --> 00:14:53.380
small section of the permissive path.

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Um, the applicant has also signed, heads of terms with the

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landowners, which are the existing, site landowners, the Knights,

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in relation to the, plot zero

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three dash zero three one A, which was the plot split I

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00:15:08.300 --> 00:15:12.120
previously mentioned where we just had to increase, from rights to
freehold

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00:15:12.200 --> 00:15:16.140
acquisition. In relation to change six,

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00:15:16.180 --> 00:15:19.400
which was the extension of the permissive path at Greenhill E,

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00:15:19.930 --> 00:15:23.600
again, this was a small extension to ensure that the permissive path

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00:15:23.660 --> 00:15:27.460

reached the, boundary of the public highway.

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00:15:27.469 --> 00:15:31.140

This change added a new, plot which was zero eight dash

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00:15:31.300 --> 00:15:35.200

zero eight nine B. Um, for reasons previously mentioned, freehold

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00:15:35.280 --> 00:15:39.180

acquisition is required to ensure the public can use this permissive path.

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00:15:40.000 --> 00:15:43.510

Um, the applicant has agreed heads of terms with the landowner, who's one of

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00:15:43.540 --> 00:15:46.900

the site landowners here, so a deed of variation to the existing option

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00:15:47.320 --> 00:15:49.620

agreement is under negotiation.

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00:15:51.540 --> 00:15:55.240

Change seven relates to the crossing of the A forty-five.

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00:15:55.340 --> 00:15:58.720

Um, an increased width of the A forty-five crossing was being

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00:15:58.760 --> 00:16:02.560

sought, for technical reasons, and this introduced a number of new

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00:16:02.600 --> 00:16:06.220

plots into the order limits as shown on sheet twelve, of the land

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00:16:06.300 --> 00:16:10.240

plans. Um, and this is subject to the power to acquire rights,

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00:16:10.880 --> 00:16:14.620

rather than freehold possession to go under the crossing.

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00:16:14.700 --> 00:16:18.440

Um, negotiations are ongoing with landowners, in respect

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00:16:18.580 --> 00:16:21.620

of, the rights necessary for this additional

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00:16:21.680 --> 00:16:25.140

land. In respect of change

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00:16:25.340 --> 00:16:29.160

nine, this was a removal of part of an

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00:16:29.240 --> 00:16:33.220

area, and a change of the compulsory acquisition status in relation to

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00:16:33.260 --> 00:16:37.219

Greenhill F relating to, parts of the order limits

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00:16:37.260 --> 00:16:39.960

in proximity to Horne Wood, which we briefly,

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00:16:40.740 --> 00:16:43.270

described or talking about yesterday.

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00:16:43.340 --> 00:16:47.120

Um, the changes to the access routes around, Horne Wood

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00:16:47.520 --> 00:16:51.340

were required in order to allow construction access to be located further

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00:16:51.440 --> 00:16:55.320

away from the ancient woodland, and that involved compulsory acquisition

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00:16:55.360 --> 00:16:59.320

of rights so that, during scheduled replacement activities and

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00:16:59.740 --> 00:17:03.560

d-during decommissioning, access can be, obtained

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00:17:03.680 --> 00:17:05.280

in addition to during the construction

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00:17:06.000 --> 00:17:09.820

phase. Um, the increase, well, the, the

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00:17:09.881 --> 00:17:13.860

increase in compulsory acquisition powers, so the, extension,

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00:17:14.200 --> 00:17:17.340

has been agreed in principle with the landowners, which is the Compton

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00:17:17.381 --> 00:17:21.240

Estate, and a deed of variation to the existing option agreement is currently

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00:17:21.280 --> 00:17:25.240

being negotiated. Um, so that is a

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00:17:25.300 --> 00:17:29.160

summary of, all of the changes where there has been a

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00:17:29.220 --> 00:17:32.700

new compulsory acquisition power sought or an increase as it

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00:17:32.740 --> 00:17:35.720

were in the compulsory acquisition powers.

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00:17:35.800 --> 00:17:36.040

Um,

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00:17:37.060 --> 00:17:40.520

if required, I can explain where we have the reasons for sort of

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00:17:40.540 --> 00:17:44.530

downgrading from where we had rights to temporary possession, if that

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00:17:44.540 --> 00:17:47.120

would be useful.

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00:17:48.700 --> 00:17:52.000

Uh, yeah, that would be useful if you're happy to continue. Thank you.

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00:17:52.060 --> 00:17:54.720

Uh, Claire Rodrick for the applicant. Um, certainly.

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00:17:54.760 --> 00:17:58.210

So change two, was a change to,

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00:17:58.440 --> 00:17:59.260

downgrade,

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00:18:00.940 --> 00:18:04.820

a leasehold, on land that's currently leased by

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00:18:04.880 --> 00:18:08.310

On Tower, which are a telecommunications company.

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00:18:09.160 --> 00:18:13.100

Um, we had previously been seeking rights over that land, but following a review,

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00:18:13.160 --> 00:18:16.580

it was confirmed that, no permanent works or,

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00:18:16.800 --> 00:18:20.080

operational works were acquired in that area, and therefore,

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00:18:20.740 --> 00:18:24.560

construction temporary possession powers, were only necessary to

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00:18:24.620 --> 00:18:28.340

carry out any environmental mitigation works that might be required during

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00:18:28.380 --> 00:18:31.648

construction.Uh, change four,

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00:18:32.048 --> 00:18:33.048

relates to,

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00:18:35.108 --> 00:18:38.628
Greenhill C. Um, this is, in relation

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00:18:38.768 --> 00:18:42.548
to interactions with the existing Sywell Solar Farm that's

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00:18:42.568 --> 00:18:45.708
located to the north. Um, in order to

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00:18:45.768 --> 00:18:49.578
ensure, it was very clear that, Sywell's

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00:18:49.588 --> 00:18:53.028
existing rights of access and rights for cabling through

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00:18:53.228 --> 00:18:54.888
Greenhill C were,

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00:18:56.548 --> 00:19:00.068
retained, we have downgraded, from freehold acquisition to

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00:19:00.148 --> 00:19:03.108
acquisition of rights only in those areas.

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00:19:03.648 --> 00:19:07.288
Um, so no further agreement, with the landowner is actually
required, but we

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00:19:07.328 --> 00:19:10.848
are negotiating an asset protection agreement with Sywell Solar.

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00:19:11.088 --> 00:19:14.658
Um, that draft agreement is currently with Sywell Solar,

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00:19:15.348 --> 00:19:18.388
for, for their comments. Uh,

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00:19:18.528 --> 00:19:22.168
change five, relates to Greenhill E,

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00:19:22.508 --> 00:19:26.208

this is in respect of, land that Cadent

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00:19:26.328 --> 00:19:29.898

Gas has, an interest in. For, for similar

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00:19:29.908 --> 00:19:33.248

reasons, a review of, operational,

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00:19:33.618 --> 00:19:37.308

requirements in this area has taken place, and that's been
downgraded to

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00:19:37.378 --> 00:19:41.028

temporary possession powers only in case rights are required to, for
monitoring

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00:19:41.088 --> 00:19:42.998

during construction. Um,

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00:19:43.828 --> 00:19:47.488

in respect of Cadent Gas, we have, now got

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00:19:47.508 --> 00:19:51.448

agreed protective provisions, a side agreement with Cadent Gas, and
there'll

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00:19:51.488 --> 00:19:55.348

be some updates being made, in relation to deadlin--deadline six, and

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00:19:55.508 --> 00:19:58.978

we can give a further update, tomorrow if

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00:19:59.008 --> 00:20:02.698

required on that. Um, in relation

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00:20:02.888 --> 00:20:06.648

to change eight, this was the removal of an

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00:20:06.708 --> 00:20:09.508

area within the order limits from Greenhill F.

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00:20:10.148 --> 00:20:13.528

Um, whilst, land was included within the

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00:20:13.588 --> 00:20:16.488

option agreement, with this particular

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00:20:16.528 --> 00:20:18.968

landowner, on review it was,

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00:20:20.648 --> 00:20:24.588

determined that the land to the northern side of the river

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00:20:24.628 --> 00:20:27.108

was no longer required as part of the scheme.

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00:20:27.188 --> 00:20:31.008

Um, and there was no intention to cross the watercourse in this location

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00:20:31.088 --> 00:20:33.788

to get to that, plot to the north.

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00:20:33.848 --> 00:20:37.708

So, that's been removed from the order limits, and

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00:20:37.718 --> 00:20:41.708

new plans are being, proposed as part of an ongoing

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00:20:41.748 --> 00:20:44.848

deed of variation with the Compton Estates which I referred to earlier.

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00:20:44.868 --> 00:20:47.568

So that sort of discrepancy, will be,

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00:20:48.288 --> 00:20:50.968

rectified in the updated documents.

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00:20:51.048 --> 00:20:54.548

Um, so that concludes the summary of the, minor

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00:20:54.588 --> 00:20:58.288

changes that, resulted, from change request

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00:20:58.408 --> 00:21:02.348

one, that were relevant to compulsory acquisition matters. Thank you.

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00:21:08.368 --> 00:21:11.808

Thank you very much, Ms Brodrick. Um, that was really helpful, so thank you for

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00:21:11.828 --> 00:21:15.397

putting that together for us. Um, that takes us on then

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00:21:15.528 --> 00:21:18.978

to, item three point two of the agenda, and I note that,

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00:21:19.228 --> 00:21:22.118

Matthew Partridge has arrived. Um,

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00:21:23.048 --> 00:21:26.908

so turning to Mr and Mrs Partridge, if you'd like

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00:21:26.988 --> 00:21:30.957

to, you can either have the roving mic, or if you prefer, you can come up to

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00:21:30.988 --> 00:21:33.868

the main table. Yeah, feel free to come up.

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00:21:33.948 --> 00:21:37.848

Um, and if you'd like to, give your

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00:21:38.328 --> 00:21:40.648

case, I'll hand over to you. Thank

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00:21:40.728 --> 00:21:43.568

you.

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00:21:44.668 --> 00:21:55.878
Good

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00:21:55.888 --> 00:21:59.028
morning. Um, just a quick, couple of,

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00:22:00.168 --> 00:22:04.068
points I wanted to just, just clarify.

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00:22:04.868 --> 00:22:07.988
Um, so I'll be referring to, from the

358
00:22:08.028 --> 00:22:11.728
Greenhill, app zero zero seven from

359
00:22:11.768 --> 00:22:15.718
Greenhill two point two. Um, so I'm referring

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00:22:15.748 --> 00:22:19.448
to three sites: zero eight dash zero nine four

361
00:22:19.528 --> 00:22:23.198
A, zero eight dash zero nine four

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00:22:23.208 --> 00:22:24.508
B,

363
00:22:25.828 --> 00:22:29.388
and zero eight, dash zero

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00:22:29.508 --> 00:22:33.448
nine five. I've just got a couple of, questions I'd like

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00:22:33.508 --> 00:22:34.748
to clarify.

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00:22:34.788 --> 00:22:37.528
Uh, Mr Partridge, do you want to pause a minute and we can see if we
can get the

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00:22:37.568 --> 00:22:38.488

plans up on the screen-

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00:22:38.508 --> 00:22:38.517

Yes

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00:22:38.517 --> 00:22:41.008

... and it'll be easier for you to, talk to

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00:22:41.048 --> 00:22:49.868

them.

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00:22:51.508 --> 00:23:05.998

There

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00:23:06.028 --> 00:23:09.988

we go. Right, whenever you're ready. Thank you.

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00:23:11.668 --> 00:23:15.377

Thank you. Um, my first question, would be,

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00:23:15.408 --> 00:23:19.388

prior to the, prior to the last hearing we

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00:23:19.408 --> 00:23:20.688

attended,

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00:23:22.408 --> 00:23:26.388

prior to the, the, cable route being put in place

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00:23:26.968 --> 00:23:29.828

and, since then at any point, has

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00:23:29.928 --> 00:23:33.388

any, ground survey or inspection

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00:23:33.428 --> 00:23:35.508

been carried out at the sites

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00:23:36.428 --> 00:23:38.568

at any point?

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00:23:43.368 --> 00:23:46.447

That'd be my, that'd be my first question.

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00:23:46.908 --> 00:23:47.408

Um-

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00:23:47.548 --> 00:23:51.348

Yeah. Uh, Mr Partridge, would it be easier if, the applicant responded after

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00:23:51.368 --> 00:23:53.028

each question? Would that be helpful?

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00:23:53.128 --> 00:23:53.178

Yes.

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00:23:53.178 --> 00:23:54.448

Or did you want to do all your questions first?

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00:23:54.488 --> 00:23:56.778

I mean, I've got two, three other points.

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00:23:56.828 --> 00:23:57.188

So-

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00:23:57.208 --> 00:23:57.318

Yeah

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00:23:57.408 --> 00:24:00.268

... however, you'd like it to proceed.

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00:24:00.308 --> 00:24:00.938

Yeah. Um,

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00:24:02.288 --> 00:24:05.128

do you want to respond after each question then? Is that easier or?

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00:24:05.208 --> 00:24:06.808

Uh, Claire Butcher, the applicant. Um, yes.

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00:24:06.818 --> 00:24:09.548

Let-- I'm just checking whether we've got that information available.

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00:24:09.568 --> 00:24:10.018

Bear with me one

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00:24:10.048 --> 00:25:10.518

moment.Uh,

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00:25:10.558 --> 00:25:12.098

Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:25:12.198 --> 00:25:12.548

Um,

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00:25:13.758 --> 00:25:17.718

based on the knowledge of the people who are here today, my understanding is that,

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00:25:17.998 --> 00:25:21.658

archaeological, surveys or access has been,

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00:25:21.958 --> 00:25:25.658

taken for archaeological, purposes, but no surveys have been

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00:25:25.678 --> 00:25:29.578

done, since the last hearing. Uh,

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00:25:29.618 --> 00:25:30.788

but I think the question was

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00:25:31.638 --> 00:25:34.818

prior to that, what had... what surveys had been done.

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00:25:34.838 --> 00:25:36.678

So it was to confirm,

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00:25:37.758 --> 00:25:40.878

that archaeological surveys had been done. Thank you.

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00:25:41.058 --> 00:25:43.438
Thank you. Um, is that helpful, Mr Partridge?

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00:25:43.838 --> 00:25:47.178
Uh, it is, yeah. If, um... I don't suppose,

409
00:25:48.238 --> 00:25:52.088
we have a date of that, that last, inspection that was

410
00:25:52.118 --> 00:25:53.657
done at all?

411
00:25:54.538 --> 00:25:54.548
Um-

412
00:25:54.548 --> 00:25:58.038
No. Ms Brodrick, if that's something you need to go back and look at
and

413
00:25:58.078 --> 00:26:01.198
update, following the hearing, that's fine.

414
00:26:01.208 --> 00:26:02.288
Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

415
00:26:02.358 --> 00:26:06.098
Um, we- I don't have that, the date on me, but we will, are

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00:26:06.138 --> 00:26:09.898
messaging, as it were, the relevant team, so if we can get the date

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00:26:10.118 --> 00:26:12.658
during the hearing, then I can provide it. Thank you.

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00:26:13.078 --> 00:26:14.118
Thank you.

419
00:26:15.538 --> 00:26:15.568
Thank you.

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00:26:15.568 --> 00:26:19.418

Thank you. Um, so following the last hearing, we had a, a

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00:26:19.518 --> 00:26:23.278

Teams meeting, regarding some of the, some of the

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00:26:23.318 --> 00:26:26.738

concerns we had. Um, at the meeting I believe,

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00:26:27.598 --> 00:26:31.578

it was stated that the Mears Ashby, and

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00:26:31.618 --> 00:26:35.278

Wilby Road, which is to the south of the site,

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00:26:36.518 --> 00:26:40.458

we were told that wouldn't be used at all for any construction or any

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00:26:40.538 --> 00:26:43.998

vehicles. Um, can I just clarify that that's, that's the

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00:26:44.078 --> 00:26:49.598

case?

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00:26:53.958 --> 00:26:57.598

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant. Um, I don't know if we have the plan back.

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00:26:57.618 --> 00:26:59.027

Can someone...

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00:26:59.027 --> 00:27:02.158

Um, so obviously the cable route is come- going north-south in this

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00:27:02.198 --> 00:27:05.978

location. So there is a crossing point across that road,

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00:27:06.058 --> 00:27:08.338

so there is a north-south crossing point-

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00:27:08.538 --> 00:27:08.678

Mm-hmm

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00:27:08.878 --> 00:27:12.758

... but traffic won't be using, going along the road in this location, so

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00:27:13.258 --> 00:27:16.658

the, the, it is a, a vehicular crossing point

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00:27:16.718 --> 00:27:20.608

north-south here, to get to the cable corridor between the

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00:27:20.608 --> 00:27:24.498

road and the site.

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00:27:24.538 --> 00:27:27.738

But the road itself is not an access point is my

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00:27:27.758 --> 00:27:28.568

understanding.

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00:27:28.978 --> 00:27:31.057

Mm-hmm.

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00:27:31.958 --> 00:27:35.018

Thank you. Just, just following, following that up,

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00:27:36.818 --> 00:27:40.678

I'd imagine that obviously machinery, excavators, et cetera,

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00:27:40.698 --> 00:27:44.668

would be, would obviously be needed on that, on that,

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00:27:44.698 --> 00:27:47.118

on that section where it crosses the road.

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00:27:47.218 --> 00:27:50.438

Um, what would be done,

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00:27:51.458 --> 00:27:55.418

with that machinery? Would it, would it be left on the site pot-

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00:27:55.478 --> 00:27:58.718

on, you know, on the sites in question overnight?

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00:27:58.818 --> 00:28:02.238

Um, and if so, what, what

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00:28:02.318 --> 00:28:05.698

provisions would be, put in

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00:28:05.738 --> 00:28:06.518

place,

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00:28:08.038 --> 00:28:11.718

to ensure that it's not an obs- an obstruction to

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00:28:11.778 --> 00:28:15.638

the, to the habitat of the main spinney, and

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00:28:15.698 --> 00:28:19.258

also that it's not, it's not at risk of,

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00:28:20.018 --> 00:28:22.748

you know, obscuring any, causing any hazards on the

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00:28:22.818 --> 00:28:24.558

road? Thank

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00:28:24.618 --> 00:28:27.278

you.

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00:28:43.038 --> 00:28:44.558

Uh, Claire Brodrick for the applicant.

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00:28:44.638 --> 00:28:48.158

Um, my understanding is that there was some discussion of this at, at the meeting.

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00:28:48.218 --> 00:28:51.538

I wasn't... At the Teams meeting that was referred to.

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00:28:51.548 --> 00:28:55.398

Um, I wasn't present at that, but I un- I understand, there was some discussion

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00:28:55.438 --> 00:28:58.318

about the methodology for the, for the cable works.

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00:28:58.378 --> 00:29:01.558

My understanding is that at that meeting it was explained that there would be

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00:29:01.698 --> 00:29:05.538

some, potential need to store machinery, not on,

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00:29:05.558 --> 00:29:09.478

obviously not on the road crossing, but, to the land north and south

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00:29:09.518 --> 00:29:11.498

of it, which includes, the plot,

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00:29:12.558 --> 00:29:16.138

08-094A that's being referred to

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00:29:16.358 --> 00:29:20.227

here. Um, but as it was explained, the, the buffer zones

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00:29:20.278 --> 00:29:24.178

which we were talking about, previously, that would apply, there would

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00:29:24.238 --> 00:29:28.038

no, be no storage of equipment or machinery within the buffer

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00:29:28.098 --> 00:29:29.568

zones. Um,

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00:29:32.358 --> 00:29:34.178

in terms of the actual

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00:29:35.178 --> 00:29:36.498

area of work,

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00:29:37.698 --> 00:29:41.618

within that plot number, I think, and at the Teams

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00:29:41.658 --> 00:29:45.558

meeting, there was an illustrative section that was shared which showed that

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00:29:45.578 --> 00:29:49.038

there's, approximately forty-one point three meters separation

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00:29:49.498 --> 00:29:53.218

between the woodland and the pylons, which was the point that was being raised at

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00:29:53.258 --> 00:29:56.598

the previous, compulsory acquisition

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00:29:56.678 --> 00:30:00.218

hearing, and the width of the order limits within which,

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00:30:00.578 --> 00:30:04.118

works would take place is thirty-two point five nine

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00:30:04.158 --> 00:30:07.818

meters. Um, that allows for a fifty-meter woodland

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00:30:07.878 --> 00:30:11.118

offset, which was being discussed at the,

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00:30:11.558 --> 00:30:13.878

issue-specific hearing yesterday.

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00:30:13.978 --> 00:30:14.258

Um,

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00:30:15.078 --> 00:30:18.718

a twelve-meter offset to the overhead, transmission

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00:30:18.778 --> 00:30:22.658

lines, leaving you with fourteen point three one meters,

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00:30:22.918 --> 00:30:26.727

cable route corridor through that sort of gap, as

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00:30:26.758 --> 00:30:30.522

it were. Um, that-Gap is

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00:30:30.532 --> 00:30:34.002

sufficient for the cable construction activities to

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00:30:34.042 --> 00:30:37.882

take, place. Um, to the extent that it's obviously

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00:30:37.922 --> 00:30:41.682

narrower than in other places along the cable route corridor, which would

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00:30:41.722 --> 00:30:45.662

mean that, for example, the storage of, topsoil spoil

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00:30:45.902 --> 00:30:49.822

or, plant machinery, would need to potentially be north or

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00:30:49.832 --> 00:30:53.382

south of that gap so that it... you can re- we can retain those,

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00:30:53.862 --> 00:30:57.292

the buffer from the woodland. In terms of the buffer from the,

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00:30:57.622 --> 00:31:01.502

overhead line, obviously there's an offset for works, but

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00:31:01.542 --> 00:31:05.482

then there is the potential to do other activities in closer proximity that

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00:31:05.522 --> 00:31:08.592

don't damage it. So there could be the potential for storage of equipment or

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00:31:08.602 --> 00:31:12.452

machinery closer to the, overhead line that conforms with National

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Grid's, kind of safety compliance.

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You could store some soil there, for example, but you wouldn't necessarily be

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able to do works requiring, high machinery, for

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00:31:22.662 --> 00:31:24.102

example, or those sorts of things.

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00:31:24.122 --> 00:31:27.742

So the-- whereas the fifty me- metre buffer from the

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woodland, as we explained yesterday, that

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has, quite strict requirements on activities and,

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as was explained yesterday, the sorts of activities that would be permitted

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within the fifty metres would be a person going on to do sort of seeding or

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something along th- those lines potentially.

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Um,

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00:31:49.642 --> 00:31:50.752

so in terms of,

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vehicle storage, I'm not sure, so the, the storage of any

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00:31:55.842 --> 00:31:59.792
plant or machinery, the applicant doesn't consider would have any
ecological

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00:31:59.842 --> 00:32:03.202
impacts as because of those buffer zones, being

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00:32:03.242 --> 00:32:07.022
retained. I don't know if it was purely an ecological question

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00:32:07.522 --> 00:32:10.002
or, or a security related question.

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00:32:10.062 --> 00:32:11.762
I think it was on ecological-

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00:32:11.802 --> 00:32:12.402
It's them being-

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00:32:12.422 --> 00:32:16.042
On an ecological basis. Um, but if it was, if there was a

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00:32:16.082 --> 00:32:17.662
security question, then I can obviously

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00:32:19.022 --> 00:32:20.582
say that as well.

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00:32:20.722 --> 00:32:23.762
Thank you, Ms Broderick. Uh, I appreciate that you weren't at the
meeting as well,

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00:32:23.882 --> 00:32:27.872
so obviously you d- you, you know, didn't see those, figures to

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00:32:27.902 --> 00:32:31.502
hand. Um, I'd just suggest that, having obviously no

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00:32:31.602 --> 00:32:33.662
one, involved in the planning

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00:32:34.602 --> 00:32:37.222
operation having actually been to the site,

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00:32:39.002 --> 00:32:42.402
I'd question how, how accurate those, those measurements

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00:32:42.542 --> 00:32:45.822
are. Obviously being, you know, being very familiar with the land

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00:32:45.882 --> 00:32:49.762
and, you know, b- going up there regularly, you

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00:32:49.822 --> 00:32:53.722
know, and having taken measurements, ourselves, we, you know, that

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00:32:53.802 --> 00:32:56.072
was one of our concerns about the...

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00:32:56.082 --> 00:32:59.782
And I, I appreciate that, you know, sitting down in an office you

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00:32:59.842 --> 00:33:03.532
can nominally work out, okay, we can do this within

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00:33:03.582 --> 00:33:07.382
this, this width. We can just about fit it in.

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00:33:07.402 --> 00:33:11.102
Uh, but, you know, I'd question how, how

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00:33:11.182 --> 00:33:14.782
accurate that would, that would be in practice given that, you know,
no, no

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00:33:14.922 --> 00:33:18.802
survey of the actual, of the actual site has been, has

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00:33:18.842 --> 00:33:22.672

been carried out on foot. Um,

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00:33:22.702 --> 00:33:25.842

which, and this will lead to my, I think my final point.

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00:33:25.962 --> 00:33:26.322

Um,

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one of our, one of our many concerns was

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the ecological impact to the habitat, particularly in the spinney where

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there's, as we stated, there's, you know, many, many

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habitats, including a large badger sett.

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Um,

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I'd suggest that any excavation, be

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it within ov- you know, within fifty metres, over fifty

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metres, over thirty metres,

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00:33:55.182 --> 00:33:57.962

that's gonna have, significant impacts on the habitat,

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particularly, you know, that large decades-old badger sett

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that's built into sand. Um,

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00:34:04.962 --> 00:34:08.462

that kind of takes me on to, to my, my last point, which would be,

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00:34:09.542 --> 00:34:12.382

since the cable route has been planned,

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00:34:16.942 --> 00:34:20.342

we can imagine beyond older ecological surveys,

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00:34:22.062 --> 00:34:25.882

it seems that very, very little consideration

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00:34:25.942 --> 00:34:29.382

has been taken into, into account

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00:34:30.022 --> 00:34:32.022

of the impact it's gonna have on that habitat.

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Um, so my questions would be, why has that, for what reason has

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that particular, route been taken,

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in such close proximity,

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you know, to that, to that large spinney and all the habitats

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00:34:47.723 --> 00:34:51.662

there? The adjacent field actually has, you can see from the

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plans, will be, will have, solar

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panels on. At the last hearing, we raised the

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00:34:59.242 --> 00:35:03.042
point, why couldn't that field be used on the

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00:35:03.122 --> 00:35:06.842
edge, on the edge of the field for the cable route to travel

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00:35:06.882 --> 00:35:09.602
down, cross the brook at a lower

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00:35:09.702 --> 00:35:13.442
point, and thus avoid, you know, all the

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00:35:13.542 --> 00:35:16.402
potential damage that could be done,

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00:35:19.542 --> 00:35:23.262
done to the... potential damage to the habitat and the woodland and
the

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00:35:23.382 --> 00:35:26.962
trees? Um, that was a point we

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00:35:27.062 --> 00:35:30.302
raised, why that reroute couldn't be considered.

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00:35:30.322 --> 00:35:33.722
We subsequently had the, the, online

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00:35:33.802 --> 00:35:37.482
meeting, and I-- and to my knowledge, that was

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00:35:37.562 --> 00:35:40.132
never, that was never addressed. Um,

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00:35:41.302 --> 00:35:45.222
so it would be why, why that, why

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00:35:45.282 --> 00:35:48.782
this particular route has to be, has to be used when

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00:35:49.362 --> 00:35:49.882

I think

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certainly looking at it from a common sense point of view, those concerns

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could be largely alleviated. Um,

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00:35:59.242 --> 00:36:00.742

thank you.

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Thank you, Mr Partridge. Uh, Ms Broderick, I appreciate you don't have

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ecological people with you today, but can you come back on any of those

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00:36:09.202 --> 00:36:48.062

points?Claire

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00:36:48.092 --> 00:36:52.032

Brodrick for the applicant. Um, just in relation to obviously,

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00:36:53.012 --> 00:36:56.092

the presence of badgers and the work that the applicant

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has done, I appreciate that all of that information is, redacted from

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the versions of the documents that are publicly available,

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on the planning inspectorate's, website because we are

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not legally able to confirm the location

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of any badger sets. However, that hopefully the examining authority can

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confirm that they have had sight of, that information, that

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information has been provided. Um, the applicant's

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position is that there won't be any, impacts

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on, the ancient woodland or

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any species within them because of the buffers that have been, put

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in place. The outline, ecological

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protection and mitigation strategy, which is Rep five

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dash zero seven two, sets out all of the

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different method statements that will be put in place, during

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construction works to ensure, that there won't be,

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00:37:52.192 --> 00:37:56.172

any impacts on species, badgers being one of those and that

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is method statement eight, which is page twenty-six of

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that,

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00:38:01.452 --> 00:38:04.952
that document. Um, in terms of,

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I approach it, it, yesterday's hearing when the ecologists were

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00:38:09.032 --> 00:38:12.212
here they did explain that obviously the surveys had been undertaken
for the

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00:38:12.252 --> 00:38:15.992
purposes of, carrying out the, environmental impact

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00:38:16.052 --> 00:38:19.562
assessment. But prior to construction works, further

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00:38:19.592 --> 00:38:22.872
surveys would be undertaken, again because it's very much

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00:38:22.932 --> 00:38:26.812
recognized that, species don't necessarily stay in the same

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00:38:26.852 --> 00:38:30.362
place, and they can move. Um, so the further

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00:38:30.412 --> 00:38:34.352
surveys would be taken out, in this location to ensure

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00:38:34.452 --> 00:38:38.292
that the mitigation that's been proposed as part of the DC
application

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remains, appropriate still. Um,

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00:38:43.472 --> 00:38:46.732
in terms of the route selection, what the

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applicant, has, looked to do, is to

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00:38:50.792 --> 00:38:54.732
minimize impacts on landowners generally across the

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00:38:54.772 --> 00:38:57.912
board when trying to seek, an appropriate route,

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00:38:58.212 --> 00:39:02.052
through. Um, it is, it was decided and as is

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00:39:02.112 --> 00:39:05.612
typical with, cable route corridors, to try and

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00:39:05.672 --> 00:39:09.172
align, the cable route, in proximity

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00:39:09.312 --> 00:39:11.272
to, existing infrastructure.

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00:39:11.282 --> 00:39:13.961
So here we have a north-south overhead line.

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Um, so it follows the route of the overhead line, in this

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00:39:17.992 --> 00:39:21.592
location going north to south. Um, in terms

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00:39:21.692 --> 00:39:25.672
of, coming out of the site further,

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00:39:25.712 --> 00:39:29.152
further down I suppose within, within the site,

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00:39:31.172 --> 00:39:34.992
you then have to go much further south, to avoid having to cross
through the

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00:39:35.032 --> 00:39:39.022

spinney its- itself. Um, I'll

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just find the relevant sheet so you can sort of not necessarily run

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north, south always. Um, so to avoid that woodland

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area you do need to go much further south.

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Um, and, and it was felt that, and you then obviously reach a settlement, so we

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need to come out to the east. Um, and it was considered

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that following the route, north, south of those,

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the overhead line was the least disruptive route rather than coming out further

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south, south and going sort of, east, west across

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another field and before then having to make a turn 'cause you can't sort

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00:40:13.612 --> 00:40:17.532

of turn at a right angle. So you'd have to do a curved, turn across

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a number of fields, to then f- get back onto the north,

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south, route alignment. So the applicant's

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position is that its mitigation measures are sufficient to,

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avoid any impacts on the wood, that there is sufficient space.

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00:40:32.172 --> 00:40:34.542

Um, the applicant is happy if,

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Mr Partridge is willing to grant access to have a member of the

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applicant's team go out and mark on the ground, the

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separation distances to demonstrate, sort of

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in, in real life rather than on a map that there is sufficient space,

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for the working and for that buffer zone, to be put in place.

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I don't believe we have an access arrangement that's been signed, but that's

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something the applicant would be willing to do if that would be helpful in

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demonstrating that there is sufficient space, through the

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field. Thank you.

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Thank you very much, Ms Brodrick. Uh, Mr Partridge, would that be helpful if

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someone from the applicant's team could come out and actually look at that area

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where you're concerned about in terms of the measurements and things?

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Uh, that would be something I'd need to,

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consider. My, I myself, I'm not the landowner.

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I'm speaking on behalf of the landowner.

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That's something I'd obv- obviously have to, go away

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and discuss, the landowner. Um,

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thank you, Ms Brodrick. Um,

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thank you for explaining. I, I just reiterate really

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that, it's, it's our view that,

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you know, mi- mitigation hasn't, hasn't, hasn't been

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considered. I think, you know, with- w-

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without knowledge of the extensive

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habitat that is, that is on the site

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and having no one been, been actually to inspect the

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site, the cable route been drawn, you

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know, you know, it's, it's, it's our view that they've

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... You know, they've got this route for the ease of

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construction

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and trying to work around it by saying, "Okay, we've, we're, we've

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in this distance so we're not gonna harm, we're not gonna harm,

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you know, we're not gonna harm wildlife.

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We're not gonna harm the- the- the woodland." Um,

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00:42:34.732 --> 00:42:37.312
it seems very much like it's ticking boxes and it's

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not, it's not,

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um-It's not fundament-- That's not a fundamental

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concern of theirs. Um, I'd finally,

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00:42:47.792 --> 00:42:48.452
ask the,

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00:42:49.612 --> 00:42:51.532
ask the, examiners to

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00:42:52.632 --> 00:42:56.492
certainly consult with the, and ask the, applicant to

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00:42:56.532 --> 00:43:00.132
consider, consider, alternate

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00:43:00.192 --> 00:43:03.452
routes given all the pre, information that

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00:43:03.492 --> 00:43:07.102
we've subsequently presented, you know, with the extensive

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00:43:07.152 --> 00:43:10.172
knowledge of the, of the land and the habitat.

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00:43:10.272 --> 00:43:10.512
Um,

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00:43:11.672 --> 00:43:15.132
I'd certainly ask them to, you know, ask the, the applicant to
consider

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what alternate routes could be taken,

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you know, with,

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00:43:21.792 --> 00:43:25.652
with landowners who are... Y-you

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00:43:25.692 --> 00:43:28.012

know, who would be happy for this to,

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00:43:31.552 --> 00:43:35.352

you know, to not, to not cause the, the, the damage that it has the

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00:43:35.392 --> 00:43:38.932

potential to, using the, using the

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sites, presented. Thank

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you.

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Thank you, Mr. Partridge. That was helpful, and appreciate you coming from work as

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well to join us this morning. Um, are there any other points you wanted to make at

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this stage? Uh.

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That's all for now. Thank you very much.

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Okay. Thank you. Um, can I leave it with you then to liaise with Mrs. Partridge?

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And if, you do want someone to come on the land, you've got the contact

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details of the applicant, if that is something you decide you want to

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do. Thank you very much.

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00:44:10.552 --> 00:44:12.232

Thank you.

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Uh, are there any further points, Ms. Broderick, from yourself?

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Uh, Claire Broderick for the applicant.

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It was just to confirm that the, GFIS,

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surveys for arch-archaeological purposes took place in March twenty

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twenty-five. I've just been given that, that information.

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Thank you. But yeah, happy to liaise, with Mr. and Mr.

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Partridge, outside of the hearing. Thank you.

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Thank you very much. And thank you, that was helpful.

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Um, so that moves us on then to, agenda item three point

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three, which was, just an, an update

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from the applicant with regards to land rights negotiations.

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And I had, got sort of three points: the Anglian Water

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assets, any Crown land, and discussions with National Highways.

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But I understand, there's been some progress with National Highways.

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00:44:59.192 --> 00:45:03.172
So, if you're happy to give, an update on how those are

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all going, I'd be grateful. Thank you.

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00:45:06.432 --> 00:45:07.652
Uh, Claire Broderick for the applicant.

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00:45:07.872 --> 00:45:11.832
I will just give an update on those, specific points, and then Mr.

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Barter can just give you a more general update on progress with,
heads of

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00:45:15.732 --> 00:45:19.532
terms generally. Um, so in respect of Anglian Wa-Water

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Services, they confirmed on the fifth of March, twenty

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00:45:22.652 --> 00:45:26.152
twenty-six, that they've reviewed the most up-to-date book of
reference.

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So that was revision E that was submitted at deadline five, so Rep

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five dash zero one zero. Um, and they consider, that all

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of their assets have been listed and that they don't have any
further,

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concerns. Um, this will be reflected in the next version of the

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statement of common ground, submitted into examination.

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I think we'd previously confirmed that protective provisions with Anglian Water

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have been agreed. Um, in respect of Crown land,

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the Crown... Some Crown land had been identified within the book of

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reference, on a highly precautionary basis at the point of

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submission. Um, and we've been trying to seek to confirm with the relevant

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Crown entities whether or not in fact they do have an interest in

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that land. Um, as you'll be aware, there were two Crown interests

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identified, presumed subsoil interest in the highway in plot

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fifteen dash zero- two zero two, which was,

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presumed to be held by the Duchy of Lancaster.

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However, the Duchy of Lancaster has since confirmed, that they

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don't have, any interest in the subsoil of the highway.

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Um, and the book of reference was therefore updated to remove,

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that interest, and that change was made in the deadline five version

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of the book of reference. Um, in respect of the British

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Railways Board interest, similarly, we have,

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taken a precautionary approach and assumed

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that, that interest which affects plots twelve dash one four

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three, twelve dash one four four, twelve dash one four

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five, and twelve dash one four six, we had presumed that

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that may be held by the Secretary of State for Transport, thereby making it a Crown

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interest. Um, we've attempted to get confirmation

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from the Department for Transport as to whether it retains, the benefit of any

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interest in this land. Um, we had also made contact with National

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Highways as beneficiary of the Historic Railways Estate

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i-in case, they had any further information.

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Um, however, we haven't received any response on this particular

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point, so we're not able to,

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confirm as yet, that there is definitely no

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Crown interest. Um, our view is that it is unlikely to be

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a Crown interest because, the relevant conveyance, which is from

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nineteen seventy-two to which British Railways Board was a party,

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was effectively terminating the British Railways

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ownership,

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in the land as a result of the closure of the railway back in
nineteen

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seventy-two. Um, however, a copy of that deed isn't actually

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available from the Land Registry, and that's the reason why we're
not able to,

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confirm for definite, that they didn't, retain

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any, any reserved rights as a result of that

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transfer. Um, we're obviously very mindful

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that, the Secretary of State will need confirmation,

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prior to making a decision on this point, so

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that if it is Crown land, then we can obtain the necessary Section one three

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five consent. Um,

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we were therefore wondering whether the examining authority may

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consider

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asking a question, of the Department of Transport, to see

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whether they can confirm-Uh, the position, obviously that's something that you

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are able to do as part of this process, and you may have a

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better response than, than we have done so far.

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But we will continue to make inquiries, with our various

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contacts across the organization. Thank you.

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Thank you. Um, one of my questions was, would it be helpful if we did a Rule

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17 letter, with regards to the outstanding Crown land?

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So we can do that, that's not a problem. Thank you.

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Uh, Claire Brodrick, the applicant. Thank you, we'd be grateful for that.

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Um, in respect to National Highways, we've obviously reached agreement in

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relation to matters, relating to compulsory acquisition,

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and, protective provisions have been agreed on that basis.

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There are some, a couple of outstanding points that National Highways have in

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relation to requirements, which I believe they'll raise at tomorrow's hearing.

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But in terms of compulsory acquisition, matters have been resolved.

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Um, previously, we were trying to establish whether they did have

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a proprietary right, in some plots,

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but it's been confirmed that, that

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they do not, that they have an interest under the Section

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263 of the Highways Act rather than as a, a proprietor of the

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land. Um, and it's West Northamptonshire Council that own the

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freehold of plots, and that's

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12-128, B. So to the extent that

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any, easement is required, then that would be entered into,

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with West North Council as the freehold owner of the land.

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Um, and as far as National Highways, protection is concerned in their

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role as operator of the strategic highway, the protective provisions,

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govern those interactions and require approval before works can be

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undertaken. Um, so that's the update in respect of those

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specific, parties that were listed, and I'll hand

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over, to Mr. Barter to just give an update generally

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on progress with, voluntary agreements. Thank you.

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Uh, Julian Barter for the applicant.

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So this is a general update for the progress of the voluntary
agreements.

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Um, so the solar option sites are

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progressing well. On the actual cable route, we

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have thirty-six agreements, and, we've

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had, as Ms. Brodrick said, we've had a recent signing of heads of

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terms for ACAN, which is the change request on number

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three. Um, we've also had another heads of terms signed since

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deadline three. Um,

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s-so... Sorry. Sorry,

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five. Uh, and so in the grand scheme of things, we

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have fifty percent of the cable route has been signed in terms of heads of

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terms.

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So that's just a general update for you.

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Um, ju-just, very quickly to go back to something that Ms.

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Brodrick mentioned. Um, I, I think you, mentioned that the,

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ISH on the draft DCO might be tomorrow.

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It's, it's this afternoon for anybody who was coming along this afternoon for

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that.

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Well, thank you very much. Um, that's really helpful.

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Um, I've got no further questions in relation to, three point three.

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So, we'll... Oh.

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Sorry. Sorry, could I just quickly jump in whilst I've,

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whilst I've got the applicant's land team here?

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And it was, just a query,

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about Acton Estate. Um,

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we... You probably saw, we received a deadline for

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submission from them, Rep

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where they were sort of talking about, a

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section of your proposed cable route potentially

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sterilizing an area of consented minerals

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development. Um, you've probably seen in our

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ExQ three that we've asked them for more

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details a-about that to just try and understand, you know,

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where they're talking about, what, what the extent is.

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Um, and I think that question references, Q three

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eight one. Um, obviously we haven't had a

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response, back yet from Acton Estate and, 'cause we've,

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we've not got to that deadline. Um, but I just wondered, whether the applicant

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had any, update or any light that you could

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shed on that whilst we're here.

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Uh,

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Claire Brodrick, the applicant. Um, yes, we've had a series of emails,

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with, the representatives for,

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Acton, Estate.

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Um, that, that particular matter is being dealt with by,

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IGP's in-house lands team rather than Mr. Barter.

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I think they're trying to set up a meeting just to establish,

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exactly, the extent of the areas and also

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sequen-sequential, timeframes in terms of timeframes

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for any extraction of minerals in that area.

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But we will provide an update at deadline six.

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Thank you.

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Thank you for that.

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Okay.

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Thank you very much. So that, moves us on to, agenda item four, any other

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business. And the examining authority now extends an opportunity for the

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applicant and affected persons to raise any other matters relevant to

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topics raised in today's hearing that they consider should be

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discussed.

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I'm not seeing

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any hands or anything, so in that case, all that remains is for our

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closing remarks in this hearing. So in terms of review

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of matters and actions arising, there's going to be a few

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outstanding matters to resolve prior to the close of the examination, which the

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applicant is working on. Um, so we haven't taken any formal

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action points from this hearing. Um,

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yep. And so thank you very much for everyone's

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contributions today. It's now ten fifty-five, and the hearing is

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now closed. And just as a reminder, issue specific hearing

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six on the draft development consent order will commence at two o'clock this

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afternoon. So this hearing is now closed. Thank you very much.

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Thank you

