

Action Point 27 Compulsory Acquisition Hearing 2

Interested party numbers AP209 and AP263

The Objectors have previously objected to the Scheme (RR-4578 and RR-5610). They are listed in the Book of Reference as having Category 2 and Category 3 interests in land within the proposed Scheme Order limits, namely in plots 1/2, 1/4, 1/5, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9, 1/10, 1/11. The Objectors are accordingly 'Affected Persons' for the purposes of the Planning Act 2008; they object to the compulsory acquisition of land/ compulsory creation of rights over land in which they have interests for the Sea Link Scheme proposal.

- Land immediately adjacent to the east and south of their home and grounds is within the Scheme Order limits; Two boundaries of their property sit in close proximity to the Scheme Order limits. The Scheme Promoter acknowledges that the Objectors have Category 2/3 interests in land which is required to deliver the Scheme. The Objector's home (a listed Grade II building) and its gardens and setting, in which they have made a significant investment to refurbish, maintain and cherish to a high standard, will be negatively impacted by the Scheme proposals; views to and from their property will be adversely affected. The Objectors do not accept the Scheme promoters' assertion that there will not be any significant impact on the setting of their home (as a heritage asset). If the Scheme is confirmed and implemented The Objector's home will be subject to intrusive, adverse and ongoing impacts in terms of construction disruption, noise, increased traffic, dust, vibration artificial light etc flowing from the authorized works which will impact on their enjoyment of their property as their home and which represents an unwarranted interference with their expectation of and right to quiet enjoyment.
- Their home will be blighted by the Scheme proposals which will impact not only on their enjoyment and use of their home but also its value.
- This compulsory acquisition proposal represents a serious interference with the family's right to private and family life and property.
- The proposed use of compulsory acquisition powers in relation to land in which The Objectors have an interest is unjustified and disproportionate; no attempt has been made by National Grid to engage meaningfully with The Objectors to discuss ways of minimizing/ alleviating any likely impacts on their home and its grounds.
- The lack of any discretionary purchase scheme offered by the Scheme promoter effectively means that The Objectors will not be able to move away from their home except at a financial loss in circumstances where the blighting impact of the Scheme makes it difficult for them to continue living there or where they may have other compelling reasons for needing to move away.
- National Grid should not be allowed to proceed with the Scheme without the introduction of a discretionary purchase scheme which would offer blighted home-owners some form of redress.