

Interested Party Reference Number: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find below Kent County Council's responses to the Secretary of State 1 Request for Information regarding the Sea Link Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project.

On page 8 of the [letter](#), paragraph 45 states:

'Several Affected Parties ("APs") who objected to the compulsory acquisition or temporary possession of land had not signed an agreement with the Applicant by the close of the Examination. The Applicant and APs are therefore requested to provide an update on the outstanding agreements and to submit them if they have been agreed and signed.'

I can confirm that Kent County Council is cooperating and participating in a compensation process.

Page 9, paragraph 51 states:

'The Deadline 7 SoCG with KCC [REP7-021] remained unsigned, as KCC sought seeking legal advice in relation to the protective provisions for highway works. The Applicant and KCC are requested to provide an update on the status of the SoCG.'

Kent County Council's Highways team has been in communication with the applicant and has received draft Part 5 Protective Provisions. With legal advice, the County Council has provided additional comments on these and is awaiting feedback. Agreement between the parties is expected imminently.

Page 10, paragraph 57 states:

' The Statement of Common Ground ("SoCG") between the Applicant and KCC remained unsigned at the close of Examination. KCC is invited to confirm whether the final SoCG is an accurate summary of its final position on matters and the Applicant and KCC are invited to provide a final signed SoCG if possible '.

Please find attached the final, signed version of the Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) between the applicant and Kent County Council. The final SoCG represents and accurate summary of the County Council's final position on matters.

Regards,

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