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Subject: FAO James Bunten - Second Written Questions - Question CA.2.55
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FAO James Bunten

Dear Sir/Madam,

I write on behalf of Lincoln College with a response to the examining authority's question CA.2.55. I would be grateful if you could acknowledge receipt of this submission by return email.

I have addressed each of the applicant's responses in REP3-013 using the corresponding paragraph numbers.

38.1.3 (New Access)

The land the proposed new access would cross is owned by the MoD. Compulsory purchase powers cannot be used against the MoD and therefore provision of a new access is entirely in their gift. Thus far, Highways England (HE)'s negotiations with the MoD do not appear to have reached a firm conclusion and HE can only offer vague indications that the MoD representatives they are dealing with have no objections to the proposal. I would need a binding agreement to be produced (ideally a Deed of Grant for a right of way) before I would be prepared to raise this objection on behalf of our client.

The DCO application also includes no fall-back position in the event that the MoD were not agreeable to a new access. A new highway access from Amesbury Road to the west of the land has been discussed, but I am unclear if it would require planning permission and HE does not appear to have investigated that alternative. No provision is made for a new highway access in the DCO drawings.

If the land were left with no legal means of access it would, of course, be worthless.

38.1.6 and 38.1.7 (Equinox Drive to Allington Track Link Road)

We are still in discussions with HE over this issue and more design work is required on the accommodation works. As it stands this has not been resolved to our client's satisfaction and I am not in a position to raise this objection, but I do not think we are too far away.

38.2.3 (Substation)

In this paragraph HE has made vague indications of which sub-station is likely to be needed and where the supply cable would run. Unfortunately, no further progress has been made to date.

I believe that HE really should set out exactly what land and rights are required before a DCO is granted. It is leaving its options open at the moment, which leaves our client with considerable uncertainty.

38.2.3 suggests that a significant number of the plots to be included in the scheme could now be removed and I would suggest these plots should be removed, and new plans drawn, before the DCO is granted.

38.3.2 to 38.3.5 (Draft Development Consent Order)

This follows on from my previous point. HE states in 38.3.3 that it has included the minimum land take required in the DCO application, but this contradicts its comments in 38.2.3 where it acknowledges that some plots at Ratfyn Farm are now unlikely to be needed.

I also await to see anything final and binding in respect of accommodation works and mitigation measures. Drawings have been produced but these nearly always require revision when discussed. I feel this must be in place before a DCO is granted.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Yours faithfully,
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