

On behalf of Max and Helen Hosier, Ref: 20020782 and 20020636

Examining Authorities Second Written Questions

Question CA.2.44 Rachel Hosier on behalf of Max and Helen Hosier

Please explain further why the proposed land take for the purpose of setting out land for ecological mitigation would be unjustified and represent an excessive use of the powers of Compulsory Acquisition.

As stated in previous written responses, we do not believe that the land for ecological mitigation around the western portal and the carriageway approach needs to be compulsory acquired by the Applicant. This was stated by our Agent at the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing. As the area is for ecological mitigation and not for the hard infrastructure of the Scheme, we believe that the land can remain in our ownership, however, we would enter into a management agreement with the Applicant to manage the land in the way that they decide. For this reason we have a great interest in how this area is to be managed and for what purpose. The Scheme is billed for ecological and biodiversity benefits so we feel that this needs to be in harmony with the other biodiversity focuses that are already on the landscape within the vicinity of the Scheme.

A management agreement would be a legally binding agreement and would save on the requirement for compulsory purchase of the land for ecological mitigation.