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Dear A47 Wansford team

Please find below an amended response which doesn't change Anglian Water's position on plot 3/2g.

Following further discussions the amendment in the final paragraph below sets out that there remains some flexibility on options to protect the 1600mm pipelines further south.

Thank you for the 28 October 2022 consultation letter from the Secretary of State seeking clarification on Anglian Water's interest in plot 3/2g and the implications of the changes to the access to Sacrewell Farm.

Anglian Water has met with Craig Stirzaker of National Highways to ensure we have a joint understanding of the changes and how the project will protect Anglian Water's assets and the supply of water to customers.

On the two questions in the letter under the heading Compulsory Acquisition, Anglian Water can advise that:

- 1. Anglian Water is the beneficiary of easements under Deeds of Grant from the 1970s which provide protection within 13metres of the centre of pipes which cross the project in this location and prevent other works being undertaken which could damage Anglian Water's assets. We have advised National Highways that actual route of the pipe may be different to that granted, and so will need to be confirmed by National Highways prior to the commencement of works.*
- 2. Anglian Water welcomes the changes to the project which pull back the works to construct the revised Sacrewell Farms access so these are further away from Anglian Water's 1600mm main water pipelines which cross plot 3/2g. Anglian Water has been advised by National Highways that National Highways are seeking to purchase Sacrewell Farms land (where plot 3/2g is located) via agreement. As this land is being purchased by agreement National Highways have confirmed that Anglian Water's existing rights will not be affected. National Highways has advised that in the unlikely event that negotiations break down between Sacrewell Farm and National Highways and National Highways need to purchase the land parcel via General Vesting Declaration (GVD), Anglian Water's existing title rights would be retained and National Highways would not wipe them from the title as per the agreed Protective Provisions for the scheme.*

Anglian Water has been further reassured by National Highways agreement to seek Anglian Water's Network Service team involvement with contractors to identify the line of the pipelines and mark out an exclusion area for the works with plot 3/2g. This ensures that works including the movement of plant and machinery are prevented from taking place in the area of the pipelines. This approach follows Anglian Water's revised approach to stand off distances near to pipelines which requires bespoke agreement on standoff distances where the diameter of the pipe exceeds 400 millimetres. National Highways were also able to advise that no works would be undertaken in the vicinity of the 1600mm pipelines (Works 27, Works Plans Regulation 5(2)(j), Sheet 3 of 7) until diversionary works have been completed, with a commitment to enter into a crossing agreement or other asset protection and working arrangements regarding vehicles crossing the pipelines to access other works areas. Anglian Water has offered to attend site to ensure that the route of the pipelines is correctly located, marked off and protected. This area of protection for the Anglian Water pipelines is within plot 3/2j shown on <https://infrastructure.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/wp-content/ipc/uploads/projects/TR010039/TR010039-000825-Land%20Plan%20Amendment%20-%20Proposed%20Change.pdf>

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