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Dear Caroline,

The Network Rail (Cambridge Re-Signalling) Order

The Order

As you are aware, Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (**Network Rail**) has applied to the Secretary of State for Transport under sections 1 and 5 of the Transport and Works Act 1992 for the above-mentioned Order.

The draft Order provides for the compulsory purchase of the land and/or rights and extinguishment of the rights in land described in the Schedules to the draft Order, in which your clients have an interest.

The Secretary of State for Transport has considered the application for the Order and decided to hold a Public Inquiry into the application. The Public Inquiry will commence on 12 April 2023 and will then sit on the 13th, 14th, 18th and 19th April 2023.

Current Position on Acquisition of Land/Rights

As you know, Network Rail has had extensive discussions with your client and yourself with a view to securing the rights over your client's land that it wishes to acquire by private agreement. Accordingly, the negotiations referred to below have taken place to date.

Network Rail approached your client in early 2021 with a view to acquiring your client's land required for the proposed upgrade of Croxton Level Crossing. The Heads of Terms were subsequently agreed in September 2021 and the terms of the final Agreement finalised in early 2023.

As at the date of this letter, the Agreement remains to be completed. However, we understand that, subject to final checks, the completion is imminent and is expected to occur within the next few days.

We trust that the above correctly describes the current position. We will be providing a copy of this letter to the Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State to hold the public inquiry into the application for the Order. Please do let us know by return if you disagree with summary of the status of our negotiations set out in this letter.

As such, we trust that any concerns raised in your objection to the Order have been satisfactorily addressed. We would very much appreciate it if you were able to withdraw your objection to the application for the Order.

Yours sincerely,



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