

IN THE MATTER OF THE NETWORK RAIL (EAST WEST RAIL BICESTER TO BEDFORD
IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER ("the Order")

Second Position Statement of O&H Q6 Limited and O&H Q7 Limited (Objector 156)
("O&H")

Sir,

1. You are aware of the first position statement submitted on behalf of O&H dated 6 February 2019, which is adopted but not repeated.
2. As that note anticipated, there have been on-going discussions between the representatives of O&H and Network Rail. These have been fruitful and in respect of the proposed order land at Bletchley, Kempston Hardwick and Marston Vale relevant agreements are nearing completion. At the present time, however, none of these agreements have been finalised. Nor have substantive discussions yet begun in respect of O&H's land at Woburn Sands.
3. O&H's understanding and expectation is that negotiations will continue after the close of the inquiry and that these will lead to concluded agreements in respect of all of its lands. This will, of course, enable O&H to withdraw its objection.
4. Nevertheless, given the current progress, O&H's objection to the Order remains. O&H's evidence is put before you; it remains in support of the objection and should stand as O&H's written representations against the making of the Order. The result of this objection is, for the reasons set out in that evidence, that the Order should either not be confirmed or that O&H's land should be removed from the Order. The relevant plot numbers comprised in the Order which should be removed are attached to this statement.
5. Should either of these courses be adopted by the Secretary of State, O&H will have been successful in its objection and O&H should receive its costs; in the usual way, O&H will make its application following the Secretary of State's decision.

MATTHEW REED Q.C.

Landmark Chambers,

180 Fleet Street,

London,

EC4A 2HG.

25 April 2019

Relevant plot numbers referred to in paragraph 4 of the Position Statement

Bletchley Brickworks

1015, 1044, 1010, 1013, 1015, 1015a, 1024, 1033, 1034, 1036, 1055, 1056.

Marston Valley

1243, 1253, 1261, 1255, 1278, 1287, 1284, 1291, 1292.

Kempston Hardwick

1302, 1299, 1300, 1305

Woburn Sands

1106, 1107, 1114, 1115, 1117, 1117a, 1117b, 1119, 1121, 1122, 1122a, 1122b, 1123, 1124.