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Dear Sirs

Please find enclosed an objection submitted on behalf of our client Lower Blackgrove Farm Limited in respect of the abovementioned Notices.



Yours faithfully

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Dear Sirs

TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992
TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND AND WALES) RULES 2006
NETWORK RAIL (EAST WEST RAIL, BICESTER TO BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER
LOWER BLACKGROVE FARM LIMITED

We are instructed by Lower Blackgrove Farm Limited of Windmill Hill, Silk Street, Waddesdon, Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire HP18 0JZ to object to Notice Numbers: EWR-0448-Notice_1; EWR- 0448-Notice_2 and EWR-0448-Notice_6 in respect of an application to acquire land and rights in land compulsorily to use land and to extinguish rights over land over which our clients are the freeholder.

More particularly, our client's objections relate to the access route proposed across their land from the A41 to the railway line (Numbers 1441, 1450, 1450a and 1452 on the plan attached to the Notices). A perfectly adequate access is available through Lower Blackgrove farm on a temporary basis which would not require additional land. This existing access would need to be maintained by Network Rail, but this is a much better solution than the route which is proposed which could cause significant environmental damage.

The proposals have an unacceptable effect on our client's solar panel installations situated at Lower Blackgrove Farm and which adjoin the existing railway line. An alternative design which avoids impacting on this solar panel installation can be implemented with little or no impact on the overall scheme.

The extent of land take required for the over-bridge (Numbers 1441, 1442 and 1448 on the plan attached to the Notices) and the design of the over-bridge situated immediately to the north of Blackgrove Farm is unacceptable and has a significant impact on the residential properties situated at the farmstead, as well as the arable farming operations and the existing environmental scheme in place on the farmland. A more sympathetic design is required, and this can be readily implemented without impact on the scheme.

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The environmental mitigation scheme proposed immediately to the north of the existing railway line is not acceptable and needs to be redesigned (Number 1449 and 1447 on the plan attached to the Notices). An alternative scheme can be agreed which is far less damaging.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this objection and we will be happy to discuss any part of it with Network Rail should they wish to engage with us acting on our client's behalf.

Please send all postal correspondence to the address stated at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Briggs', followed by a period.

Edward Briggs FRICS FAAV

Director

For and on behalf of Briggs & Stone Limited