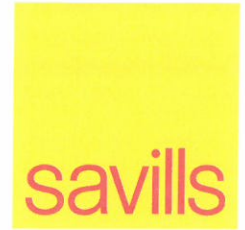


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Dear Sirs

**PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL – EAST-WEST RAIL - BICESTER TO BEDFORD IMPROVEMENTS ORDER
LAND AT BEDFORD ROAD, HUSBORNE CRAWLEY**

We act on behalf of the Trustees of the Woburn Estate and have received via their estate property manager, a letter from Network Rail setting out a notification of their intention to acquire land and rights compulsorily which are presently owned by our clients. This proposal appears to cover substantial areas of land to the west and east of Bedford Road, Husbome Crawley.

Schedule 1 of the notice sets out the areas to be acquired which in totality appears to extend to 118,268 sq m (11.83 hectares). The extent of the land in our opinion is far excess of that which should be reasonably required for the improvement to the railway line as described. It appears that substantial enclosures are being acquired for no apparent purpose and we wish to continue this objection until a satisfactory explanation is provided. Furthermore there appears to be a parallel proposal in relation to the temporary use of land also owned by our clients extending to a further 30,816 sq m, 3.082 hectares. We would welcome an opportunity to inspect the land with you and/or representatives of Network Rail in order that our concerns can be considered.

Please can you acknowledge safe receipt of the objection?

Yours faithfully

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Director

