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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

FAO The Secretary of State for Transport the Right Honourable Mr C Grayling MP

Dear Sir

On behalf of my client, the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance, I am writing to object to the following proposals:

Notice EWR-0114-Notice_6 the application to temporarily use land and to acquire rights in land: Sheet No 21; Parcel No 543

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Notice EWR-0114-Notice_1 the application to acquire land and rights in land compulsorily, to use land and to extinguish rights over land: Sheet No 21; Parcel Nos 526,543a & 545

My client objects for the following reasons:

- Unfair treatment – in February EWR held its third round of public consultations into the scheme. My client was advised that as a result of comments made by the general public the project team had made a number of alterations to the original design. Of these a number related to flood mitigation and now included some of my client's land as noted above. I was contacted about the new proposal on 28th February and asked if a meeting could be arranged to discuss this. The meeting was subsequently changed to a teleconference on 6 days' notice and then cancelled on the day. EWR said it would arrange another meeting which it never did. My client assumed, understandably, that the project had been revised once again and that as originally planned it did not now include its property.

My client feels that it has not been treated fairly by EWR. It was not made aware of why the original proposals for the flood mitigation were deemed inadequate or why its property was felt, on the third time of design, to be most appropriate. EWR made no attempt to re-arrange the meeting it cancelled to explain this decision and, not unreasonably, the above notices have come as a shock

- Inappropriate land – the land included within the notices is good, productive arable land located some distance from the proposed railway. Immediately adjoining the railway, albeit incorrectly annotated on the plans attached to the notices, is the South Lake at the foot of a large permanent pasture enclosure to the south of Addington Manor. My client feels that a much simpler solution to the flood mitigation issue would be to enlarge the existing lake involving the loss of a small area of relatively unproductive grassland.

I trust that my client's objections to this proposal will be considered and should be grateful if all correspondence relating to this matter is addressed to me at the email address above or the postal address below.

Yours faithfully

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