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Dear Mr McKenna,

**FORMAL WRITTEN OBJECTION - THE NATIONAL GRID ELECTRICITY TRANSMISSION PLC  
(PITSMOOR – WINCOBANK - TEMPLEBOROUGH 275 KV CABLE REPLACEMENT SCHEME)  
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

Fisher German are instructed by E.ON UK PLC (our Client) to submit this objection to John McKenna (on behalf of the Secretary of State for Energy Security and Net Zero) in respect of The National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (Pitsmoor – Wincobank - Templeborough 275 kV Cable Replacement Scheme) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023.

We note that the objection period for the Compulsory Purchase Order ends on 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and this objection is submitted within this timeframe.

We are the duly authorised agents to the objector to the Scheme and ask you to confirm, as soon as possible, if you feel that there is anything legally or administratively wrong with the objection or if you require it in any different form.

This objection is in relation to our Client's freehold interest in Plot Numbers 5-27, 5-29, 5-42, 5-42a, 6-01a within the Order and collectively known as Blackburn Meadows Power Station Site, Alsing Road, Sheffield (part of the registered Title Number SYK534837).

Whilst our Client does not object the principal of the scheme there are a number of pertinent issues and specific grounds for objection which we request are considered as part of the determination of the CPO. I now set out these grounds for objection below:


1. There has been a lack of reasonable attempts to acquire interests by agreement from our Client. To date we have received draft Heads of Terms and a financial offer, to which we have

responded on behalf of our client with a counteroffer and await a response. Whilst an objection to a CPO is not the appropriate forum to discuss the detail of financial compensation, it is appropriate to consider whether reasonable attempts to negotiate have been made.

2. We have not received any design plans or confirmation of the final cable route alignment; they are currently marked as indicative on the plans provided and so it is not possible to properly assess the impact of the scheme or any mitigation measures that may be reasonably necessary to protect our Client's operations.
3. There is currently insufficient detail on scheme works and what mitigation measures will be taken to ensure our client's sustainable drainage systems (SUDS) will not be impacted by the installation of the cable.
4. It is not clear whether access will be maintained to the retained land during construction of the scheme.
5. There has been no engagement with respect to accommodation works and appropriate reinstatement of the land following completion of the proposed works.
6. It is not clear how the scheme will impact the landscaping and path developed as part of the adjoining highway scheme (Blackburn Meadows Way).
7. We are aware that intrusive ground investigations are proposed but to date none have been undertaken so it is not clear as to whether the ground conditions are suitable for the proposed scheme.

We welcome continued negotiations with the acquiring Authority in order to address our concerns and seek suitable assurances that would allow us to withdraw our objections in advance of Public Inquiry.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JB', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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