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Dear Mr Dempsey

Green Belt (London & Home Counties) Act 1938 – Section 6
The Uxbridge Moor Connection Project
Land on the south side of Denham Road at Denham Quarry and Mansfield Farm and abutting Iver Substation.

1. I refer to your email dated 11th June 2024 to the Secretary of State for Housing Communities & Local Government on behalf of your client National Grid Electricity Transmission Plc (NGET) pursuant to section 6 of the above Act (the Act).
2. I note that your email confirms that NGET has published a notice (the Notice) pursuant to section 6(1)(b) of the Act as part of the initiation of procedure in seeking Ministerial consent under the Act to compulsory purchase land for the Uxbridge Moor Connection Project (the Project).
4. The Secretary of State has considered whether the requirements of the Act have been met, those being;
 - (1) Section 6(1)(b): Before applying to the Minister for consent the undertaker shall publish in a local newspaper a notice "*of their intention to apply for such consent containing a description of the land proposed to be acquired and of the purpose for which it is proposed to be acquired and specifying a place within the said locality where a plan indicating the boundaries of the land may be inspected and the time (being not less than twenty-eight days after the date or latest date of such publication) within which and the manner in which objections to the initiation of procedure for the compulsory purchase of the land can be made of their intention to apply for consent*" and serve a copy on the local authority in whom the land is vested.

- (2) Section 6(2): Any application to the Minister under section 6 must be accompanied by a copy of each newspaper in which the notice was published.
- (3) Section 6(3): The Minister must consider any objections which he has received to the proposed initiation of procedure for the compulsory purchase of the land before giving his consent.
- (4) Section 6(4): In providing consent, the Minister may provide that the land to which the consent relates will be free from all restrictions imposed upon it under the Act.

Considerations

5. I note that a notice was published in the local paper on the 31st May allowing a period for objections to be submitted by 28th June. The Secretary of State considers NGET has complied with the requirements of Sections 6(1)(b) and 6(2) of the Act in supplying all the required information and advertising the Notice in the local paper for the required period.
6. The Secretary of State has subsequently received two objections and one notice of intention to object which was not received. The Secretary of State has considered the objections along with your response. She does not consider the objections raise matters specific to the Notice under Section 6(1)(b), rather they are matters relating to the planning application and the compulsory purchase of land for the Project.
7. The Secretary of State therefore grants consent for the initiation of procedure for the compulsory purchase pursuant to Section 6(1)(b) of the Act.
8. It should be noted that Ministerial consent required under the Act is purely for the limited purposes of that legislation and would not constitute either the grant of planning permission or a compulsory purchase order (CPO) for the Project. Accordingly, all other consents required for the delivery of the Project would still need to be obtained in the usual way and all relevant processes would need to be followed in this regard. Interested parties will have further opportunities to set out their specific objections through the planning application consideration as well as the compulsory purchase order process.

Yours sincerely



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Signed on behalf of the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.