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Dear Mr Brown

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A511 GROWTH CORRIDOR) (SIDE
ROADS) ORDER 2023**

**THE LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (A511 GROWTH CORRIDOR)
COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2023**

The Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 ("the 1994 Rules")
The Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 ("the 2007 Rules")

1. I refer to the above-named Orders which you have submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation. Copies of objections to the Orders lodged by the persons detailed below have already been sent to you and each objector has been told that a copy of their objection has been forwarded to you. Please confirm whether any objections to the Orders were sent directly to you.

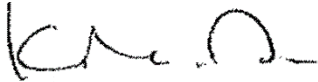
2. Unless all statutory objections are withdrawn, the Secretary of State, before confirming the Orders, is required under the Highways Act 1980 and Acquisition of Land Act 1981 to cause Public Local Inquiries to be held or to afford the objectors an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by a person appointed by the Secretary of State for that purpose. Notice is given under rule 14(1), as extended by rule 28, of the 1994 Rules and rule 3(1), as extended by rule 20, of the 2007 Rules that the Secretary of State has decided to hold Public Local Inquiries into the above Orders. For the purposes of rule 14(1) and rule 3(1), this letter is the 'relevant notice' that Inquiries are to be held and its date is the 'relevant date'. The objectors to the Orders have also been notified of the Secretary of State's intention in this respect.

3. I should be grateful if you would provide 3 or 4 dates convenient to your Council for holding the Inquiries and give the address of a building in the neighbourhood of the proposals where they might be held. The dates given should:-

- (a) take into account any associated Scheme/Order or other applications reaching a similar stage of progression, as Inquiries in connection with all such applications will be held jointly;
 - (b) be not less than 13 weeks from the date of your reply, to enable arrangements to be made and formal notice of the date, time and place fixed by the Secretary of State for holding the Inquiries to be served on your Council and the objectors in accordance with statutory procedures; and
 - (c) be not later than 22 weeks from the date of this notice.
4. If it becomes apparent that in all of the circumstances of the case it is impracticable to hold the Inquiries within the 22 week period mentioned in paragraph 3(c) above, your Council will be advised accordingly.
5. Under the terms of the Compulsory Purchase (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 2007 and the Highways (Inquiries Procedure) Rules 1994 you are required to serve a Statement of Case on the Secretary of State and on each statutory objector NOT LATER THAN 6 WEEKS AFTER THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. It is also open to your Council to serve a copy of the statement on other non-statutory objectors.
6. The Statement of Case, to be served on the Secretary of State, should be sent electronically to this office. It should be accompanied by one copy of each of the documents listed in it which your Council intends to refer to or put in evidence at the Inquiries (for use by the Inspector appointed to conduct the Inquiries). Please note that should the Inspector request any information in hard copy then the Council will be expected to provide the hard copies requested.
7. Your Council shall also serve on each statutory objector a notice giving the names of all places, in the locality of the proposals, where a copy of each document or the relevant part of the document which your Council intends to refer to or put in evidence may be inspected free of charge at all reasonable hours until the date of the Inquiries.
8. You will wish to note that any proof of evidence which your Council proposes to have read out at the Inquiries will need to be provided electronically to the Inspector some three weeks beforehand. Should the proof contain more than 1500 words, a summary should also be submitted. You will be given further details along with notification of the Inquiries arrangements in due course.
9. Upon request, your Council shall also afford any person reasonable opportunity to inspect and, where practicable and subject to the payment of a reasonable charge, take copies of any statement or document which has been sent to or by it. Consequently, the Statement of Case must specify the time and place at which such opportunity will be afforded.
10. Such arrangements as may be made to hold Public Local Inquiries do not preclude your Council from proceeding with negotiations with the parties concerned. Should the

objections be withdrawn in good time before the Inquiries, arrangements can be made for their cancellation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'K. Drinkeld', with a stylized flourish at the end.

KATHLEEN DRINKELD
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Statutory Objectors

- Wm Morrison Supermarkets Limited
- Helen Jean Measures & David William Measures
- Network Rail Infrastructure Limited
- North West Leicestershire District Council
- Wilson Enterprises Limited
- Cadent Gas
- Annie Connors