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Dear Debbie

## HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 ACQUISITION OF LAND ACT 1981

## THE OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (HIGHWAYS INFRASTRUCTURE – A40 HIF 2 SMART CORRIDOR (HILL FARM TO DUKES CUT)) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2022

I refer to the above-named Order which has been submitted by Oxfordshire County Council for confirmation. In your letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 you formally withdrew the Order.

For this reason, the Secretary of State has decided <u>not</u> to confirm the Oxfordshire County Council (Highways Infrastructure – A40 HIF 2 Smart Corridor (Hill Farm to Dukes Cut)) Compulsory Purchase order 2022, and this letter constitutes his decision to that effect. The Sealed Orders and Maps which were enclosed with your application are returned herewith.

The Secretary of State's decision does not preclude the making of a fresh Order. However, if a new Order is to be made, it may be necessary for a fresh resolution to be passed together with re-advertisement in the press and further serving of notices on interested parties. Any objections or representations to the new Order will be taken into account by the Secretary of State when making his decision on confirmation of that Order. No objections in respect of this withdrawn Order will be considered.

A copy of this letter has been sent to those persons who objected to the Order. Your Council is hereby requested to serve notice of this decision on all other persons on whom notices were served notifying them of the Order's submission.



Yours sincerely,

Claire Moody Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign in that behalf