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Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

PART 1 LAND COMPENSATION ACT 1973

I refer to your letter, dated 21st April, that has been forwarded to me for a response.

In the first instance I would like to thank you for contacting the Highways Agency about your concerns regarding how the Part 1 Claims process is being handled in respect of your claim. It is important to me, as the Secretary of State's Representative, that all Part 1 Claims are handled in a fair manner and in accordance the nationally accepted requirements. I am always concerned, therefore, when a member of the public feels that their particular claim has not been handled appropriately and will always investigate thoroughly such issues.

I have now had an opportunity to investigate the matter and taken independent professional advice on the way your Part 1 Claim has been handled to date. Based on my investigation, I am satisfied that the claim has been handled in an appropriate manner and that the proposed offer is in accordance with the required guidance.

I am aware that you feel that you may also have been adversely affected by the current Bramham to Wetherby scheme. If this is the case then you would be eligible to make another separate Part 1 Claim in relation to that scheme. This would dealt with by the team set up to handle claims in relation to that scheme and would have no bearing on the current issue at hand.

Having stated the above, if you feel that there is information that I should have taken in to account that I may not have had access to then please do not hesitate to contact me to discuss the matter in person.

Yours sincerely

Roger Wantling
DBFO Team