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Dear Ms Ashton,

**Re: National Grid overhead line works and Burcott Lodge Farm Music Festival,
11/00111/LAPRE**

There seems to be some uncertainty about arrangements for cooperation between us and National grid, regarding the works they are undertaking this year on the Sundon-East Claydon conductor replacement project.

We discussed the project in principal, with our NG Wayleaves Officer, Paul Sage, some considerable time before the organisers submitted their License application. National Grid could not state precisely when they would be working on the span in question, and agreed that there would be no difficulty in 'working around' the event. The process of assembling a small sound stage and two tents would probably only take one day, as would the process of removing them. The organisers agreed they were happy to cooperate with NG about when these tasks would be undertaken, as they are less time-critical. As the proposed event near the wires is a weekend event, and NG were not proposing weekend working, no significant problems were foreseen by either party. We agreed that we would consult in detail with NG, regarding precise location of temporary structures, with regard to sag and swing data for that span, when and if the application was approved.

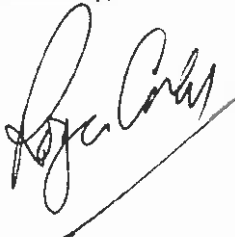
The conductor replacement project schedule seems to be in a state of some slippage. We were first advised that NG or their steelwork contractors would need access to our land to start work in November 2010. We were subsequently advised that the preliminary and quite major steelwork project would begin and be completed by the end of February – but the contractors have yet to begin work.

The combination of imprecision in NG's schedule and their increasing lateness, means they have little certainty about when they will wish to work on the span in question. Their expectation is no more than 'we will be in your area at that time'. There is no certainty at all that their plans and those of the organisers will actually conflict.

If they are now being equivocal about their ability to work around a weekend event, that may be a result of their wish simply to have an increased degree of flexibility in their plans, and a position which runs counter to that previously agreed. I've spoken to Paul Sage this morning, and asked him to call you to confirm that the position regarding cooperation has not changed since our last meeting.

In my position as landowner responsible for liaison with National Grid, I know of no reason relating to their works why the Licence application should not proceed.

Sincerely,



Roger Carey

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