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Dear Mr Collis

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 – SECTION 247
PROPOSED STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY AT SHAWSTEAD ROAD, GILLINGHAM ME7
3JL**

OS GRID REFERENCE: E: 577327 N: 165238

FIRST STAGE NOTIFICATION

Following your application for a stopping up Order, I am now enclosing a copy of the draft Order, plan and public notice, which detail the proposals.

We have issued these proposals to our consultees for any comments or objections and we have also arranged for the draft documents to be displayed at Luton Library, for members of the public to view. In addition, we have arranged for the public notice to be published in both the London Gazette and the Kent Messenger on **Thursday 28 March 2024**. This date will start the formal 28-day objection period.

ACTIONS FOR YOU

There are a number of actions we require you to take to ensure the legislation is followed correctly. Failure to comply with these requirements may result in a considerable delay to your application.

- Please print sufficient copies of the enclosed **Public Notice** and display in a prominent position at each end of the highway to be stopped up. It is essential that the notices are on site by Thursday 28 March 2024 and remain in place for the 28-day objection period.
- Once the notices have been displayed, please complete and return the enclosed 'certificate of posting' to us.
- Please advise us as soon as possible if you find that the public notice has failed to publish in the Kent Messenger.

We accept all correspondence either by email or hard copy to the above addresses.

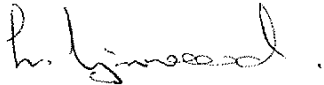
ADVISORY

Please be aware that the acceptance of an application for a stopping up Order, or the publication of a Draft Order, must not be taken as an indication that an Order will subsequently be made.

You are reminded that you have no authority to stop up or divert a highway until the notice announcing the Secretary of State has made an Order, is published. Not only is it an offence to obstruct or interfere with a highway before this is done, it may also make it impossible for the Secretary of State to make an Order.

Should you have any questions regarding this letter, you can contact the Casework Manager dealing with your application, Paul Harrison, at Paul.Harrison@dft.gov.uk or 07812 482526.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Grimwood', followed by a period.

LINDA GRIMWOOD
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