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Dear Sirs

**TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992  
APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED CHILTERN RAILWAYS  
(BICESTER TO OXFORD IMPROVEMENTS) ORDER**

I refer to the letter dated 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010 from the Department for Transport requiring the Council to submit its Statement of Case.

The City Council requests that its original objection letter, dated 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010, is treated as its Statement of Case, as per the Department for Transport Guide, Part 4, Q25. A copy of that letter is attached.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

  
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**APPENDIX 1**  
**Corporate Assets**  
**LETTER TO DfT**

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Secretary of State for Transport  
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Dear Sirs

**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT, 1992**  
**THE TRANSPORT AND WORKS (APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTIONS**  
**PROCEDURE) ENGLAND AND WALTERS) RULES 2006**  
**PROPOSED CHILTERN RAILWAYS (BICESTER TO OXFORD IMPROVEMENTS)**  
**ORDER**

I am writing on behalf of Oxford City Council to make a formal objection to proposals contained in the application for the above Order, as notified to the Council by Rule 15 letters dated 6<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

The Council's objections arise mainly from the proposed closure of the private accommodation crossing at Aristotle Lane Oxford, on the usage of the allotments; the effect of the proposed mitigation measures on the allotments and adjoining areas of Port Meadow; and on the proposed acquisition of land, or rights over land, in the Aristotle Lane and Walton Well Road areas.

...The attached table summarises the objections in the order set out in the various Schedules to the Order.

It should be stressed that the Council does not object to the project as a whole, but essentially to the proposed removal of the foot crossing; issues with the proposed mitigation measures, and the possible loss of the opportunity to extend the site of St Phillip and James School.

Preliminary discussions with the promoter have take place, and it is expected they will continue. In the meantime the Council reserves the right to raise any further objections, should this provide necessary.

Yours faithfully

Interim Head of Corporate Assets

**OXFORD CITY COUNCIL  
TABLE OF OBJECTION BY SCHEDULE TO THE DRAFT ORDER**

SCHEDULE	LAND PARCELS	DETAIL OF OBJECTION
2	29003  29010, 29011, 29015  30003/30004	Acquisition of this land (or rights over it) could prejudice its inclusion in the St Phillip and James School site. The City and County Councils are currently negotiating terms for a disposal of part of this parcel  These parcels form part of Port Meadow which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest. The creation of vehicular rights would prejudice this status.  This land, which lies to the south of Walton Well Road is let for residential moorings (the lease details are not included in the Schedule)  Acquisition of land or rights may prejudice this use of the land.
9	N/A	Closure of Aristotle Lane accommodation crossing. The Council objects to this proposal on the grounds that it has provided a safe and level crossing point for allotment holders for many years. The proposed alternative route will be more circuitous and difficult to use because of the gradients involved, and reduce the take up of plots on the site. The proposed alternative to the foot crossing cannot be evaluated, as no details have been made available.
11	29005/29012  29008, 29009, 29015 29016, 29017, 29018	Concerns about the proposed temporary access use of these parcels of land within the Trap Grounds Allotment and Port Meadow.  The use of these areas for working sites and access raises concern in respect of cultivation of the Trap Grounds Allotments, and effects on the Port Meadow Site of Special Scientific Interests.