Select Committee Ask
Petitioner No. AP2:49- Sian and David Froggatt – appeared 30\textsuperscript{th} April 2019

James Duddridge MP asked for a note on the exclusion of planting around BT poles.

In AP2 provision was made for a replacement BT Openreach connection to Bentley Hall Farm across land owned by Quintons Orchard farm. As assessed in the Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES2), this diversion will be underground rather than on poles.

As explained in the Committee hearing (30/04/2019) the Promoter is engaging with both BT and Bentley Hall Farm (the neighbouring landowner) in order to find an alternative route for the diversion. This would avoid the need to use the land on the petitioner’s property provided for this diversion in AP2. Assurances are being progressed to make such an offer to the petitioner.

In instances where connections are overground, exclusion zones for all new diverted assets will be in line with the easement/ wayleave agreements with the utility providers, which would typically be a 6 metre diameter (3 metre radius) around the pole.