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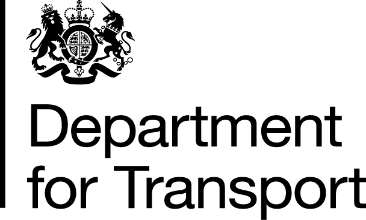
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Dear Lord McLoughlin,

Thank you for your contribution during the Oral Question debate held on Wednesday 23 October. As promised, I am writing to provide further details on question that you raised.

There is not a general time limit on this legislation, but one important aspect is time limited. The powers to serve notice to treat or make a declaration for the compulsory purchase of land under section 4(1) of the Act expire at midnight on 10 February 2026.

I hope the above is helpful, but please feel free to contact me if you require more information.

I have copied all Noble Lords who spoke in this discussion and will place a copy of this letter in the Library of the House.

Yours sincerely,

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**Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill**

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