

Chronology

Public consultations	Date	Event
	Summer 2014	Initial high level meeting with CCC regarding proposed closures. CCC explains that it is likely NR will need to meet all costs, though proposals with demonstrable public highway benefit will be considered.
	2015.09.30	First workshop Network Rail – Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC)
	2016.01.13	Meeting to discuss proposals - NR and CCC
	2016.06.07	CCC complaint to Tracsis over late notification and inadequacy of traffic census
Public consultation Round 1 8 th June – 8 th July 2016	2016.06.08 – 2016.07.08	Public consultation Round 1 (including exhibitions at March, Littleport and Brinkley 7, 8, 10 June)
	2016.06.18 – 2016.06.26	Traffic census surveys undertaken on specific crossings (9 days)
	2016.06.15	CCC letter to Mott MacDonald raising concerns over traffic census methodology
	2016.06.20	Traffic Census rationale received from Mott MacDonald
	2016.07.11	ROW Officer discovers 5 crossings obstructed
	2016.07.13	CCC writes to NR regarding 5 crossings obstructed during census (C09, C23, C24, C10 and connecting BR25 Ely)
	2016.07.16	Draft traffic census data for first 3 days received, missing data for equestrians
	2016.07.22	CCC notifies NR of two further crossings discovered to have been obstructed during census (C16 and C17 Prickwillow)
	2016.07.26 + 2016.08.01	Workshop to discuss proposals – NR and CCC
	2016.07.25	CCC logs obstructed crossings on NR reporting website
	2016.07.27	Cambridgeshire County Council – Communications Plan (updated) provided by NR
	2016.08.05	CCC chases NR re obstructed crossings
	2016.08.09	Network Rail Workshop with CCC Councillors
Public consultation Round 2 7 th -28 th September	2016.09.07-28	Public consultation Round 2 (including exhibitions at March, Cambridge and Littleport 7, 8, 12 th September)
	2016.09.12	Complaint from member of public regarding another obstructed crossing C08 Ely North
	2016.09.20	Complaint from Open Spaces Society/Alysoun Hodges regarding C08, C16 and C17 obstructions
	2016.09.26	Open Spaces Society press release concerning proposed closures near Ely and unofficial closures
	2016.09.28	CCC developer guidance (boundaries and widths) provided to NR and Mott MacDonald for design purposes
	2016.09.28	Additional road traffic surveys on proposal alternative routes

		agreed by Network Rail
	2016.09.29	Press article in Cambridge News concerning proposed closures near Ely and unofficial closures
	2016.10.11	Workshop – NR – CCC
	2016.10.14-27	Additional road traffic surveys undertaken (results not shared with CCC)
	2016.10.16	Full 9-day traffic census data from June 2016 received
	2016.11.01	Paper presented to CCC Spokespersons setting out CCC's proposed formal response to NR's consultation
	2016.11.09	CCC response to Mott MacDonald regarding the Diversity Impact Assessment Scoping (received 11.10.2016)
Public Information update (Round 3)	2016.12.07	Paper presented to CCC Highways & Community Infrastructure Policy & Service ('HCI') Committee setting out CCC's proposed formal response to NR's consultation
	2016.12.07-2017.01.06	Public information update (Round 3) on 8 specific crossing proposals
	2017.01.17	Further paper presented to CCC HCI Committee setting out CCC's proposed formal response to NR's consultation, following NR's changes announced on 7 th December
	2017.02.25	Further paper presented to CCC HCI Committee setting out CCC's proposed formal response to NR's consultation, following Member concern about C20 Leonards (Soham)
	2017.03.14	Mott MacDonald response to CCC's traffic census letter of concern dated 15.06.2016
	2017.03.14	NR's proposed TWAO published by the Department for Transport ('DfT')
	2017.03.21	CCC formal response to NR's pre-TWAO consultation provided to NR
	2017.04.19	CCC holding objection to NR TWAO made to DfT, explaining that its full response will be made as soon as possible after its full Council meeting on 18 th July 2017 in accordance with s239 Local Government Act 1972, due to purdah for local elections
	2017.05.19	NR request re inquiry venues
	2017.05.24	CCC response to NR recommending inquiry venues
	2017.05.30	Paper presented to CCC Lead Members concerning CCC proposed full response and objections to TWAO
	2017.06.14	Request from Bruton Knowles on behalf of NR to meet to discuss CCC objections
	2017.06.27	CCC response to Bruton Knowles explaining this would need to be done after CCC's full response has been approved on 18 th July and providing a range of dates
	2017.07.11	Paper presented to CCC HCI Committee concerning CCC proposed full response and objections to TWAO
	2017.07.18	Paper presented to CCC full Council concerning CCC proposed full response and objections to TWAO; full response ratified

	2017.07.20	Request from Bruton Knowles to meet with NR on 15 th August
	2017.07.26	CCC response to Bruton Knowles ('BK') that 15 th August not possible due to office move, offering 16 th August instead
	2017.07.28	BK acceptance of 16 th August to meet with NR
	2017.07.28	CCC full response and objections sent to DfT
	2017.08.09	CCC email to DfT chasing pre-inquiry meeting ('PIM') and inquiry dates
	2017.08.10-11	Agenda for meeting provided based on CCC holding response of 19 th April 2017. CCC request that covers full response made 28 th July 2017.
	2017.08.11-14	CCC ask DfT if CCC may submit Statement of Case by 7 th September; DfT respond that PIM will be on 23 rd August and will need to check with programming officer. Officer subsequently receives DfT letter dated 10 th August, received by CCC 11 th August. CCC complain to DfT that this is less than the statutory two weeks' notice, and is bad timing given peak holiday and harvest season. Reschedule requested. Various correspondence between CCC and DfT on the matter.
	2017.08.15	CCC email BK and NR explaining that the meeting of 16 th will need to be postponed due to the time needed to prepare for the PIM. BK and DfT advise later that day that the PIM will be rescheduled.
	2017.08.16	Meeting between CCC, NR, BK and Mott MacDonald to discuss CCC objections. Some of the information provided enables CCC to reconsider its position on a number of the proposals.
	2017.08.24	Notice of PIM to be held on 7 th September 2017 received from DfT
	2017.09.07	Pre-inquiry meeting held