

THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL (ESSEX AND OTHERS) LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION ORDER

Note for the Inspector in Response to the
Supplementary Proof of Evidence of Mr De Moor
(following on from points that he made during his evidence-in-chief on 3 October 2018)

1. The document *Physical Activity and the Environment* was published by National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) on 22 March 2018. The guidance covers how to improve physical environment to encourage and support physical activity. The aim is to increase the general population's physical activity levels. Network Rail consider that by the provision of suitable and convenient alternatives within the Order proposals, the Order scheme is not inconsistent with this guidance document.
2. Network Rail have ensured any alternative routes associated with the project link to existing routes and maintain or improve connectivity of the network as a whole. The proposals would not adversely affect local strategies, policies and plans to encourage and enable people to be more physically active.
3. Section 1.13 of Susan Tilbrook's Proof of Evidence explains how, as part of the assessment completed by Mott MacDonald, different options being considered for individual level crossings were appraised, and a copy of the appraisal template is at Tab 6 of her Appendices (NR 32/2). "Social impacts" considered as part of the appraisal included physical activity, access to services and the results from the diversity impact assessment (DIA) work undertaken.
4. A copy of the DIA Scoping Report, DIA Overview Report, and of the individual DIA reports have been submitted to the inquiry (NR 119, NR 121, NR 120). The DIA work undertaken has assessed the likely or actual effects of the Order proposals on social groups with protected characteristics (as defined by the *Equality Act 2010*), including disability (which in turn includes people with sensory impairments, mobility impairments, learning disabilities, mental wellbeing disabilities, and long term medical conditions) and access to community facilities and services.
5. An extensive community engagement and consultation exercise was carried out as part of the project and the details are set out within *NR05 Statement of Consultation*.
6. On review of the NICE document submitted to Inquiry by Mr De Moor, there is no change to the position set out in evidence by Network Rail in that the proposals are suitable and convenient and meet with current guidance.