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From: Ben Box
Sent: 05 May 2017 09:22
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: level crossings in Mellis, Suffolk

Subject: Network Rail Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction Order

I am writing with regard to the formal notice under the Transport and Works Act 1992, The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Proposed Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order, sent by Bruton Knowles on behalf of Network Rail, dated 23 March 2017.

As the owner of Willow Farm, The Common, Mellis, I have Common Rights and therefore an interest in the land including and surrounding S21 – Abbots Level Crossing.

I object to the extinguishment of my historic right of access across the railway at this location and shall continue to do so until such time as Network Rail confirms an appropriate level of compensation for its loss. Network Rail has not contacted me about any compensation which I understand should be provided under the Order in such situations.

I further object to Network Rail's application to acquire rights in land compulsorily for Plot No: 07, the access track and hardstanding, west of Abbots crossing and east of Mellis Road. It is not clear why this is necessary if the crossing is to be closed. Temporary provision of access might be required while the works are being undertaken to close the crossing, but not permanent after that.

I also object to the application to use land temporarily in Plot Nos: 04 and 05 without appropriate compensation. The Order does not make clear how long this temporary use might last, what damage might be done to the grassland, the ponds, shrubs and other wildlife habitats, nor what provision will be made to reinstate the land after the closure is complete.

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From: Ben Box
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Subject: Network Rail Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction Order Cowpasture Lane

I am writing with regard to the formal notice under the Transport and Works Act 1992, The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006, Proposed Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order.

As the owner of Willow Farm, The Common, Mellis, I have Common Rights and therefore an interest in the land giving access to S18 - Cowpasture Lane Level Crossing.

Network Rail does not have vehicular rights over Mellis Common. Cowpasture Lane is a no-through road. I therefore object to any access for works to the railway crossing from the Mellis (west) side of the crossing. Any access would have to be from the Chapel Farm (east) side of the line.

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