

Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order

Level Crossings S05 Pannington Hall, S16 Gislingham, S17 Paynes, S21 Abbots and S30 Lords No.29

In the interests of fairness and natural justice related to those with an interest in land which was the subject of late notices, and to enable the Public Inquiry to proceed on 13 February 2018 as originally planned, Network Rail has agreed to remove certain powers in the draft Order and submit an amended Order and, in the case of S17 Paynes, an amended plan, to reflect this at the Public Inquiry.

The Secretary of State has now confirmed that he is happy for the public Inquiry to proceed as planned on 13 February 2018 and has written to parties to notify them of this.

Details of the specific removals can be found below:

S05 Pannington Hall

Network Rail will withdraw all elements of this proposed closure from the draft Order, with a view to seeking the closure at a later date.

S16 Gislingham

Network Rail will withdraw the proposed powers over plot 05 in the Parish of Finningham. All other powers in the Order relating to this crossing including powers to close it and divert the public rights of way will remain.

S17 Paynes

Network Rail will reduce the extent of the proposed powers over plot 02 in the Parish of Gislingham, to mean that it is only seeking a right of access over the extent of Coldham Lane that is not publically maintainable by the Highway Authority. All other powers in the Order relating to this crossing, including powers to close it and divert the public rights of way will remain.

S21 Abbots

Network Rail will withdraw Plot 7 in the Parish of Mellis. It will rely on the powers in the Order to gain access from the east of the railway. The use of Plot 4 as a temporary worksite during the removal of the crossing will be retained.

S30 Lords No. 29

Network Rail will withdraw the proposed powers over plot 26 in the Parish of Elmswell. All other powers in the Order relating to this crossing, including powers to close it and divert the public rights of way will remain.