

**THE NETWORK RAIL (SUFFOLK LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION)  
ORDER 201X**

and

Request for a Direction as to Deemed Planning Permission

**PRE-INQUIRY NOTE 2-INQUIRY VENUES**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1. As set out in the *Notes Following the Pre-Inquiry Meeting*, dated 6 November 2017(PI Note 1), the Inquiry is due to open at 10.00 hrs on Tuesday 13 February 2018.
- 1.2. Section 6 of the PI Note 1 made reference to concerns that had been raised concerning the accessibility of the proposed Inquiry venues, in particular for people based in Newmarket who may wish to appear at the Inquiry to address the proposed closure of level crossing S22. Furthermore, section 8 confirmed that the Inquiry would be programmed based on the expectation that the evidence would be dealt with in the following order: 1) evidence from all relevant parties concerning the Strategic case for/against the proposals be heard first; and, 2) evidence specific to each crossing, is then heard from all parties on a crossing by crossing basis.

**2. Inquiry dates, venues and provisional subject matter**

- 2.1. Based on a review of venue availability, undertaken by Network Rail, the draft programme of venues/provisional subject matter is as follows:

Date		Venue	Subject
12/02/2018	Monday		
13/02/2018	Tuesday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	Strategic
14/02/2018	Wednesday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	
15/02/2018	Thursday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	
16/02/2018	Friday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	
19/02/2018	Monday		
20/02/2018	Tuesday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	Strategic
21/02/2018	Wednesday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	
22/02/2018	Thursday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	S25, S27
23/02/2018	Friday		

26/02/2018	Monday		
27/02/2018	Tuesday	Ipswich Town Hall	S01, S02, S03, S04, S07, S08 and also S11, S12, S69, S16, S17, S18 and S21 if time (also heard in Ipswich)
28/02/2018	Wednesday	Ipswich Town Hall	
01/03/2018	Thursday	Ipswich Town Hall	
02/03/2018	Friday	Ipswich Town Hall	
12/03/2018	Monday		
13/03/2018	Tuesday	Memorial Hall (Newmarket)	S22, S23, S24
14/03/2018	Wednesday	Memorial Hall (Newmarket)	
15/03/2018	Thursday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	S28, S29, S30, S31
16/03/2018	Friday	Ashlar House (Bury St Edmunds)	
	Monday		
TBC	Tuesday	TBC	Any crossing not already dealt with, Order/conditions session and closings.
TBC	Wednesday	TBC	
TBC	Thursday	TBC	
TBC	Friday	TBC	

- 2.2. The draft Programme will be available on the website and in the Inquiry Library when the Inquiry is sitting. It will remain in draft and may be subject to change both in the lead up to, and during the course of, the Inquiry.
- 2.3. Following the deadline for the submission of proofs of evidence, the Programme Officers will be contacting all those parties who have indicated that they intend to appear to gain detailed information concerning the likely duration of their evidence. This will be of benefit to all concerned and aid the smooth running of the proceedings and efficient use of time. The Inspector urges the parties to be as co-operative as possible in this process.
- 2.4. As set out in the PI Note 1, it is important that people appearing are available when required, and the onus will be on them to keep in touch with the progress of the Inquiry. If they are not there when required, the Inquiry may proceed without them.

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INSPECTOR

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