

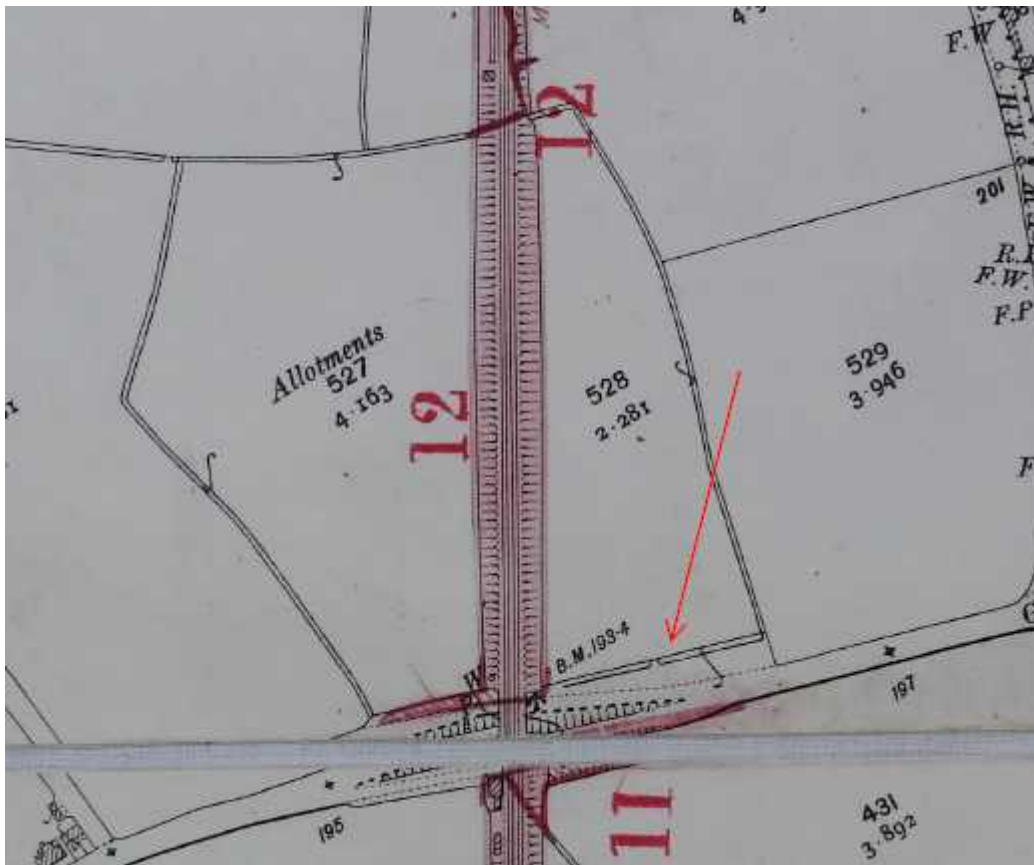
The Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order

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Drainage at Pound Hill underbridge

Network Rail holds no records suggesting that it has any liability for the drainage of the highway beneath Pound Hill underbridge, nor has it found any evidence that drainage from the railway is directed onto the road. As the railway is constructed on embankment, and is above the level of the road, it would not be possible to drain the road beneath the bridge onto railway land in the absence of pumped drainage. The well (W) and pump (P), shown on the plan below are not considered to be drainage facilities, but for the abstraction of water for the village.

The plan below is an extract from Network Rail's title plans, showing the areas purchased by the railway company in the 1850s. The plans are drawn on 1950s OS maps and illustrate the drainage ditches that existed before housing was developed about Pound Hill.



The arrow on the above plan points to a drain which is considered to be part of the highway, heading east from the underbridge on the north side of Pound Hill. Network Rail's view is that water drains from under the bridge, flows along this drain, and then flows north west, under the railway by way of a culvert, and then further west. This is in line with the general direction of flow of the drainage in the area.

It is noted that the ditch heading east from the bridge has now been culverted to facilitate residential development, and it may have become blocked. This ditch is not Network Rail's responsibility.

Attachments

Two extracts from Network Rail's GeoRINM software are attached. The smaller scale one shows the railway embankment shaded grey, and how the railway rises up to enable it to cross Pound Hill. The larger scale plan shows Network Rail's land ownership in the vicinity of Pound Hill, shaded green and edged red.

