

## **Technical Note**

Project: Anglia Level Crossings Reduction Strategy Suffolk Order

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Subject: Environmental Appraisal & Action Plan Public Inquiry Note

This note has been prepared by Mott MacDonald for the Anglia Level Crossings Reduction Strategy Suffolk Order Public Inquiry to inform the Inspector of the purpose of the Environmental Appraisal and Action Plans and the current status of these documents.

## 1 Environmental Appraisal & Action Plan

- 1.1.1 An Environmental Appraisal and Action Plan (EAAP) has been produced for each level crossing reduction Order. This document is part of Network Rail's Project Management Process and is a requirement to be produced at GRIP Stage 4. This document is intended to be a live document and should be updated as the project progresses and associated environmental issues become more defined, mitigated or eliminated, through to project implementation and close out. The EAAP is to be provided to the appointed contractor, providing a summary of the actions listed in the following documents so the appointed contractor is aware of any environmental issues on site:
  - EIA Screening Request;
  - Agricultural Impact Assessment;
  - Ecological Constraints Report and the Precautionary Method of Works; and
  - Heritage Technical Assessment note.
- **1.1.2** There is no new information presented in the EAAP beyond those documents listed above and no additional surveys or desk studies were undertaken in order to produce it. This document solely summarises existing environmental information into one report for each Order application.
- 1.1.3 Draft versions of the EAAP's were provided to Network Rail in March and April 2017 and it was agreed these would be further updated following the agreement of any planning conditions relating to the environment, allowing any mitigation measures to be reflected accordingly. Following the planning conditions session for the Suffolk Order scheduled on 21st May 2018, the EAAP for this Order will be updated and a version submitted to Network Rail prior to appointing a contractor for the works.
- 1.1.4 All works will be carried out in-line with the document Precautionary Methods of Works document: Legally Protected Species, March 2018. This provides standard work practices where protected species could be present to ensure that there are no impacts on any protected species. This also details recommendations for further surveys, mitigation and licensing where required. For clarity a table is provided within this document detailing what surveys are to be carried out prior to construction works to ensure there are no impacts on ecological receptors.

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