

Network Rail Infrastructure Limited

Proposed Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order

Note on Land referencing Audit

Background

Following the adjournment of the inquiry into the Essex (Level Crossing Reduction) Order due to the service of late notices, Network Rail undertook a full land referencing audit for the other two the Anglia region Level Crossing Reduction Orders, that is the Cambridgeshire Order and the Suffolk Order.

Suffolk Order Audit

For the audit, a new land registry exercise was carried out. All titles affected by the land, over which powers are sought, in the Order were ordered, interrogated and checked against the Book of Reference to ensure that all interests were captured correctly. A parcel by parcel check was then undertaken to ensure no additional information was held and not included in the data transfer process for the original notices served at the time of application. As part of the parcel by parcel check, remaining unregistered land has also been checked to ensure diligent inquiries have been carried out and the transfer of data used for compilation of the Book of Reference and subsequent service of notices has been checked.

These checks resulted, in the case of Suffolk, in the service of further notices on 4 interests in 7 plots of land not served at the time of the application (which breaks down as 3 existing interests who had already had notice in response of the Order (in relation to one plot each) and one new interest in relation to four plots each).

However, to enable this inquiry to proceed on 13 February 2018, Network Rail agreed to remove certain powers from the Order in accordance with the note on the inquiry website posted 22 December 2017.