

The Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order (“the Suffolk Order”)

Royal Mail Group Limited - (Obj/52)

An objection to the Suffolk Order was submitted on behalf of the Royal Mail Group Limited (RMG) by Mr Derry Mocket of BNP Paribas Real Estate UK dated 4 May 2017. A copy of the objection letter is attached.

The objection was on the grounds that “*the operational and statutory duties to collect and deliver mail may be adversely affected*”. The letter stated that based on the information provided, RMG was unable to determine the impact of the Suffolk Order on its ability to perform its statutory duties. RMG were particularly concerned about the proposed temporary stopping of roads at six sites.

Following receipt of the objection, Network Rail tried to contact Mr Mocket on several occasions to arrange a meeting to discuss Network Rail’s proposals. In September 2017 Mr Mocket confirmed by email that RMG would be happy to meet and that he was waiting for confirmation as to whether it would be someone from RMG’s operations team or estates team. There was no further response regarding the meeting on RMG’s behalf.

In its letter of 29 December 2017, Network Rail addressed RMG’s concerns in relation to the specific sites and explained the nature of the proposed works at each site. Network Rail reiterated its willingness to meet and discuss the proposals further. A copy of the letter is attached. There has been no response to Network Rail’s letter of 29 December 2017.

Similar letters of objection were also submitted on behalf of RMG in respect of Network Rail’s applications for the two other proposed Level Crossing Reduction Orders: the proposed Network Rail (Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction) Order and the proposed Network Rail (Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction) Order. Network Rail has responded to those objections and approached RMG to arrange meetings, but has also not received any further substantive response from RMG in respect of those applications.