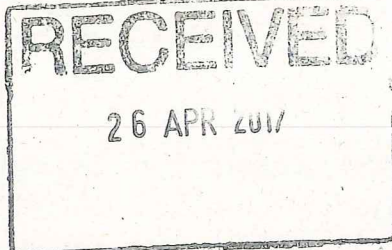


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Dear Sir or Madam,

Transport and Works Act 1992
The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England & Wales) Rules 2006
Proposed Network Rail (Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction) Order – Harston
Our clients: Brigadier William Hurrell and Mr Henry Hurrell

We act on behalf of the above mentioned landowners and request that all correspondence is through us at the above office address.

We have been instructed to object to the proposed Network Rail (Cambridge Level Crossing Reduction) Order.

Initially, our clients received forty letters from Bruton Knowles, as agents acting on behalf of Network Rail, enclosing notices of applications to use land temporarily and to acquire rights over land.

Unfortunately, the notices relating to the land west of London Road have been incorrectly addressed. Furthermore, the application notices served do not, we believe, reflect the reality of the situation, in particular what appears to be a conflict between temporary and permanent acquisitions.

We have considered with our clients an alternative route for the footpath which will cause less disruption to their farming practices and a probable mitigation of compensation. Our proposal is that the revised route utilises the extensive public highway verge of London Road, rather than the acquisition of private property. We believe that this proposal would be welcomed by the local community who would be able to use the footpath safely to walk from Harston to Shelford Road. We are in contact with Cambridgeshire County Council to consider this proposal.

Notwithstanding trying to liaise with and meet Bruton Knowles on site to discuss this matter they were unable to do so until they have been instructed by Network Rail. This is particularly frustrating when we believe that an agreement can be amicably reached between Network Rail and our clients.

Yours faithfully

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