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Subject: Network Rail East Anglia Level Crossing Closure Project - Level Crossing C04 NO20
Attachments: Letter from M Burlton to SoS re crossing closure orders April 2017 Anthony Burlton Will Trust.pdf

Please find attached response to the proposed level crossing closure C04 No20

Regards
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Submitted via email.

Dear Secretary of State

**Network Rail (Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction) Order –
Crossing number C04 No name No 20**

<u>Notice No.</u>	<u>Plot ID</u>	<u>Notice No.</u>	<u>Plot ID</u>
1403	2	1446	16
1420	5	1451	18
1424	8	1458	21
1431	11	1459	23
1434	12	1463	26
1440	14	1464	27
1443	15		

I write to respond to the Consultation on the above Order, with particular reference to crossing C04 in Meldreth, and the impact the proposals will have on my property.

Please use this letter as a formal objection to the above order based on the following grounds

- The closure of the crossing itself will cause inconvenience as the crossing is used to access this land on foot from the main farm. I completely disagree with the comments in your statement of consultation that the closure of the crossing would be of benefit. I advised it would be of minor inconvenience but was not in overall support of its closure.

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- The proposed new route for the footpath and its extremely close proximity to a poultry rearing building and business units is of significant concern and the proposed path would bring the general public very close to the poultry building. This causes great concern regarding bio security, particularly in view of the recent Avian Influenza outbreak prior to Christmas and further subsequent outbreaks. No Proposal has been made to what exactly these security measures would be? At present the site can be secured by way of locking gates. The addition of a footpath in the proposed location would not offer the same level of security by nature of the route proposed.
- In addition to this with the farm traffic to the poultry building and the traffic to the business units it presents a significant risk to the general public. I strongly disagree with the comments in your statement of consultation. There has been no proposal or suggestions made how the risk will be managed.

Overall the discussions with Network Rail or their representatives have clearly failed to address all the issues and concerns raised.

I hope you will give my views full consideration in your deliberation.

Yours sincerely

Mr Michael Burlton

On behalf of

Anthony Burlton Will Trust