Dear Ms Vincent and Ms O'Neil,

RE C24 Cross Keys proposal

As you know, the inquiry into Cambridgeshire TWAO is underway. Cambridgeshire County Council has been objecting to the C09 Second Drove (FP49 Ely) and C24 Cross Keys (FP50 Ely) proposals with regard the substandard BR25 Ely crossing, which together form part of a circular route. NR had provided for works to be done to bring the BR25 Ely crossing up to standard, but this was attached to the C09 crossing specifically, because users were being diverted to that crossing. The County Council understands that this is actually an operational issue but the TWAO project had picked it up to help sort it. Now that the proposal has been withdrawn, CCC had asked that the works proposed be transferred to the C24 proposal on the basis that it was part of the circular route that users use.

CCC now understands that, unfortunately, this can't be done, because the works aren't legally 'necessary' for C24 (though other works are). The County Council has therefore withdrawn its objection, but has agreed with NR that the two parties will continue to work together to resolve the matter at an operational in the interests of safety of users of the crossing and of trains/the rail network.

Kind regards,

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