

PUBLIC INQUIRY

APPLICATION BY NETWORK RAIL UNDER TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT 1992

PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL CAMBRIDGESHIRE LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION ORDER

OBJ/12-CAMBRIDGESHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL PROOF OF EVIDENCE

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INTRODUCTION

1. I am employed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as a Senior Archaeologist in the Historic Environment Team (HET). I have been in my current position since January 2003. Prior to this, for five years I was a Project Manager for a commercial archaeological contract unit, Cambridge Archaeological Unit, after working for the previous five years as a Project Officer in the same organisation. I worked as a field archaeologist for six years prior to that for a number of archaeological contract units in England and France after completing a degree in Archaeology. Overall I have over 30 years' experience in commercial archaeology, half of which has been spent in my current role as a planning advisor on archaeological matters and in shaping, monitoring and regulating archaeological investigation programmes derived through the planning process.
2. I hold a BA Honours degree in Archaeology from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne. I am an Associate Member of the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists. I am a member of period-based research groups: the Prehistoric Society, The Neolithic Studies Group and the Prehistoric Ceramics Research Group. I am an Affiliated

Scholar of the McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research at the University of Cambridge. I am a corporate member of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society and the Association of Local Government Archaeological Officers. I am an Editorial Board Member of the East Anglian Archaeology Monograph Series.

3. CCC advised Network Rail that on archaeological grounds we did not consider an Environmental Impact Assessment to be necessary for the Network Rail Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction Order, nor were any revisions required on archaeological grounds to the locations of proposed scheme features. The impact of the scheme was considered to have minimal or no impact on the historic environment. However, limited archaeological excavation would be required for some of the new footpaths and drainage features and mitigation advice was indicated on a spreadsheet that was attached to the CCC HET consultation response, submitted initially on 22/12/2016 and revised following further receipts on 13/01/2017. Mitigation works were not required as part of evidence gathering prior to the determination of the scheme, as our advice was that such works could occur post-consent.
4. Proposed planning conditions were presented by Winckworth Sherwood LLP to CCC in June 2017, in Schedule 1 of document Rule 10 (6) Request for Planning Permission. That presented read:

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7. No development shall commence until a scheme identifying:
 - (a) any location where a watching brief is required during construction, and
 - (b) appropriate measures to be taken if any significant archaeological remains are found,is submitted in writing and approved by the local planning authority.

Reason: *To ensure that archaeological artefacts and information are preserved.*

5. I responded on 25th July 2017 to a consultation from Camilla Haggett, Asset Manager at CCC's Highways Service indicating that the wording for an appropriate archaeological condition should be altered to allow it to reflect planning condition commonly used in Cambridgeshire and this is contained in the CCC Statement of Case (section 6.35 on p.16).

I believe this revised condition has been accepted:

Archaeology (CCC)

6. No development shall take place until a written scheme of investigation (WSI) for an archaeological programme of works has been submitted to and approved by the local planning authority in writing. For land that is included within the WSI, no development shall take place other than in accordance with the agreed WSI which shall include:

- the statement of significance and research objectives;
- the programme and methodology of site investigation and recording
- the nomination of a competent person(s) or organisation to undertake the agreed works
- the programme for post-excavation assessment and subsequent analysis, reporting, publication & dissemination, and deposition of the resulting archive. ***This part of the condition shall not be discharged until these elements have been fulfilled in accordance with the programme set out in the WSI.***

Developers will wish to ensure that in drawing up their development programme, the timetable for the investigation is included within the details of the agreed scheme.

Reason

To ensure that the significance of historic environment assets is conserved in line with NPPF section 12.

7. On 23rd February 2017, a Memorandum was received by CCC HET from Mott MacDonald entitled: "Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy, Cambridgeshire: Scope for Heritage Statement". This set out a typical and reasonable strategy for the compilation of background evidence of the known historic environment assets, both designated and non-designated. This was to be produced in response to a screening response dated 16th January 2017 gained from Historic England, the statutory consultee on archaeological matters. This Heritage Statement has not yet been received, although Mott MacDonald requested a priority search for Historic Environment Record evidence on 23rd October 2017 from HET colleagues who manage the county database of historic environment information. I understand that the Heritage Statement is currently being compiled.
8. I am content that a desk-based study of historic environment evidence will benefit the planning application for this scheme and satisfy the pre-consent needs of other professional consultee colleagues. I am satisfied that investigative archaeological works can be scheduled to occur post-consent, during the closure and construction programme, as they are relatively minimal. The archaeological condition requires that a Written Scheme of Investigation is produced by a professional archaeologist on behalf of the applicant, which will be approved by HET on behalf of CCC prior to implementation.

SIGNED: 

DATE: 31st October 2017