

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

PHILIP CLARK

COMMUNITY GREENSPACES MANAGER

INTRODUCTION

1. I am employed by Cambridgeshire County Council (CCC) as the Community Greenspaces Manager. I have been in my current position since 2010. Prior to this I was Senior Countryside Officer at the County Council for ten years. Overall I have twenty five years of experience in this sector, commencing with my degree in Ecology and Land Use and covering a number of employment roles, including seven years as Nature Reserve Manager at Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.
2. Deborah Ahmad, the County Council's ecologist is now on maternity leave. I am therefore submitting this proof of evidence on behalf of the County Council.
3. I have an Ecology and Land Use Honours Degree and a Postgraduate Diploma in Conservation Management.
4. I submit to the Inquiry that the need for the planning condition advised by the County Council ecologist, Deborah Ahmad, to Mott MacDonald on 18th January 2017, and formally

requested on 18th July 2017, is still required. This is to ensure an adequate mitigation scheme for all protected species, priority species/habitats and wildlife sites impacted by the proposal will be agreed prior to commencement of works.

5. Full details are provided in the Written Statement provided by Deborah Ahmad which is to be found in Appendix 1.
6. I have on 31st October 2017 been provided with a Precautionary Method of Works for Legally Protected Species. However, this is still to be reviewed in detail to ascertain whether the methodology is sound and the conclusions acceptable. This will require further discussion with Network Rail.
7. I believe the facts stated in this proof of evidence are true.

Signed: 

Dated: 31/10/2017

