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From: Graham MacLellan
Sent: 04 May 2017 12:43
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: NETWORK RAIL SUFFOLK LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION ORDER
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Dear Sirs,

Please find attached a letter from myself representing the MELLIS COMMON RIGHTHOLDERS ASSOCIATION in relation to the above subject matter.

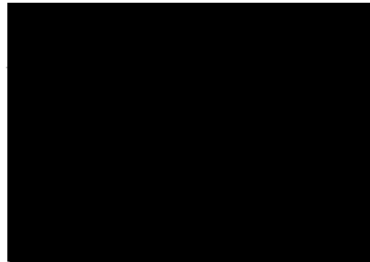
Yours sincerely,

Graham MacLellan
Secretary to the Mellis Common Rightholders Association.

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Date: 4th May 2017

Secretary of State for Transport
c/oTransportand Works Act Orders Unit
Department for Transport, Zone 1/18
Great Minster House, 33 Horseferry road,
LONDON
SW1P 4DR

Dear Sirs

NETWORK RAIL SUFFOLK LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION ORDER

I am writing to you in response to applications made by yourself on behalf of Network Rail.

On 9th March 2017 I was appointed as Secretary to the Mellis Common Rightholders Association. I am also a Mellis Common Rightholder. Mrs Caroline Box has resigned her position as secretary but continues to be a rightholder.

I have been asked in my capacity as secretary to respond to the proposals on behalf of all the rightholders. Some rightholders did not receive correspondence including myself hence the lateness of this letter.

Notice no 551

PLOT NO 4

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO TEMPOARILY USE LAND

As this is land that the rightholders have the right to graze on we will require compensation as we will not be able to graze animals during the period of works. As this land is cut for hay by the rightholders we will require compensation if the grass is in anyway damaged during works degrading the quality of the hay. I would also like to comment on behalf of Mrs Wick and Mrs Abbott (who's family the crossing is named after) They are older people and responding to this

application is not easy for them. Please be considerate to their proximity to the works and their privacy.

Please advise how long the works will take and what exactly the land will be used for during this time.

Please also be aware that this land has a pond located to the left and that any flora and fauna will not be disturbed.

Notice no 572

PLOT NO 5

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO TEMPORARILY USE LAND

As this is land that the rightholders have the right to graze on we will require compensation as we will not be able to graze animals during the period of works.

As this land is cut for hay by the rightholders we will require compensation if the grass is in anyway damaged during works degrading the quality of the hay.

Please advise how long the works will take and what exactly the land will be used for during this time.

Please also be aware that this land has a pond located in its centre and that and flora and fauna will not be disturbed.

Notice no 593

PLOT NO 6

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EXTINGUISH RIGHTS OVER LAND

As this is the railway track itself it is understood why this application is being made and we have no objection.

Notice no 615

PLOT NO 7

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO ACQUIRE RIGHTS IN LAND COMPULSORILY

As this track provides access to grazing on the common and hay cutting on Plot 4 we will require a legally written guarantee that the rightholders will still be able to use this access after works are complete.

We are also concerned for the properties that currently have easements over this and therefore access to their properties.

Please explain why it is necessary for this COMPULSARY PURCHASE.

The rightholders will strongly appose this purchase unless an acceptable explanation is made.

Yours sincerely,

Graham MacLellan

Secretary to the Mellis Common Rightholders Association