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**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Subject:** Network Rail Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction Order

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**Representations to the Secretary of State**

I am submitting the following representations on behalf of John R. Keeble & Son (Brantham) Limited of Brantham Hall, Manningtree Essex CO11 1PT. I am a director of the company. Correspondence should be sent to the company at the above address..

**SO1 Sea Wall**

We note the proposal for a new footpath from the seawall at P160 to the railway at P161 and then along the south side of the railway embankment up to the footbridge at P162. We are concerned that unless appropriate measures are taken (both now and ongoing) by Network Rail between P161 and P162, trees on the lower slope of the embankment will damage the proposed fence and encroach onto the footpath, with the result that users of the footpath will divert onto our retained agricultural land. This will in effect divert and extend the footpath away from the mapped line. This issue should be expressly and properly addressed in these proposals and compensation for loss of use of land must take account of how far it is addressed.

We are considering the installation of a new farm road from P162 along the side of the railway down to Work 6 Area and this will necessitate a crossing for agricultural vehicles over the stream at or adjacent to Work 6 Area. We would welcome an opportunity to consult with Network Rail on this, so that our works could be combined with the footbridge works which are proposed by Network Rail, potentially resulting in cost savings and a better, more integrated outcome at this point.

**SO2 Brantham High Bridge**

We note the proposal for the diversion of Footpath 06 Brantham at P153 to a new footpath heading south to meet the Ipswich Road at P152. Our understanding was that as part of this redirection, the current section of Footpath 06 Brantham running from P153 adjacent to Victoria Cottage to the railway at P147A/P155A would be stopped up permanently.

We see from the latest proposals that a dead-end section of Footpath 06 Brantham running from P153 adjacent to Victoria Cottage to the edge of the wood at P145/P154 is to be retained, with a short fence at its end point.

We believe that it is unnecessary and illogical to retain this short section of existing path and it will encourage users of the footpath to radiate from P145/P154 across our land towards the railway and then alongside the railway back in a loop towards the A137 Ipswich Road. Our representation is therefore that the current section of Footpath 06 Brantham running from P153 adjacent to Victoria Cottage to the railway should be stopped up at P153, to follow the diversion along the new path to P152.

All of our rights are reserved in respect of these matters, including in relation to compensation.

E. F. Keeble

on behalf of John R. Keeble & Son (Brantham) Limited

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