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Dear Sirs

Please see attached letter issued on behalf of Royal Mail Group.

Yours faithfully



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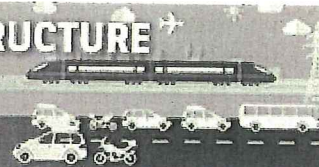


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04 May 2017

Dear Sirs

Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order.

Our client, Royal Mail Group Limited (RMG), is responsible for providing efficient mail sorting and delivery nationally. As the Universal Service Provider under the Postal Services Act 2011, Royal Mail Group has a statutory duty to deliver mail to every residential and business address in the country as well as collecting mail from all Post Offices and post boxes six days a week.

RMG's postal sorting and delivery operations rely heavily on road communications. RMG's ability to provide efficient mail collection, sorting and delivery to the public is sensitive to changes in the capacity of the highway network. Disruption to the highway network can have direct consequences on RMG's operations, affecting its ability to meet its Universal Postal Service Obligation and its ability to comply with the regulatory regime for postal services. This can, therefore, present a significant risk to RMG's business.

Whilst my client understands the requirements for Network Rail to undertake the works as described in the proposed Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order, RMG formally objects to the above Order on the grounds that their operational and statutory duties to collect and deliver mail may be adversely affected. From the information supplied, RMG is unable at this stage to fully determine the potential impact on its ability to perform its statutory duties. RMG therefore reserves the right to produce further grounds of objection once further details are released, unless their concerns can be satisfied.

In particular RMG has concerns regarding the proposed temporary stopping up of:

- Granary Road in the parish of Newmarket,
- A14 onslip westbound, Higham Road and Coalpit Lane in the parish of Higham,
- Barrell's Road in the parish of Thurston,
- The Street in the parish of Wherstead,
- Church Road/Bentley Bridge in the parish of Bentley,
- The A137 in the parish of Brantham.

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We would welcome the opportunity to further liaise with Network Rail on the above issues to understand what works will be entailed and the duration of the works to ensure RMG's requirements can be met during the period of works.

I look forward to hearing from you further in due course; please direct correspondence to the above address.

Yours faithfully

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