

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 2:25 PM

April 2017

Subject: Network Rail Suffolk level crossing reduction order.
Level crossings S27-Barrells and S28- Grove Farm.

Dear Sir,

With reference to the closures of level crossings S27-Barrells and S28-Grove Farm we have strong objections to the relocation of an existing footpath,(see enclosed plans sheet 11 and 12 that were sent to us on 12th December 2016). We were never consulted about this footpath which will have a profound effect on our life.

Objections:

1: Loss of security: The proposed relocated path runs along our west boundary and passes just behind our stables and outbuildings allowing easy access onto our property. (We have previously been burgled) The original boundary was separated by trees and bushes which the owner is cutting down thus removing any boundary between our properties, this boundary is described as a substantial by Network Rail on their final plans. We have previously informed Network Rail and Bruton Knowles of the removal of the trees. (see enclosed photographs x3)

The original path goes past a property called Woodlands which has a 6ft close boarded fence separating it from the path. Will Network Rail be erecting a similar fence along the boundary of the proposed new footpath?

2: Loss of privacy: People using the proposed new footpath will be able to see straight into our house and garden. This will have an effect on our lifestyle and could upset our animals.

We have valuable livestock (mares and foals and eventers) which are securely fenced to the east of our property. We are concerned about people and animals trespassing onto our property, especially upsetting the animals.

Why move the existing footpath since it goes nowhere near the owners house (Popples) and is already boarded around Woodlands property?

There would be no need to build a bridge over the waterway to connect the proposed new path with the highway thus saving money.

We agreed to the plans shown at the final consultation in September 2016 (plan enclosed) and have e-mails sent to us from Network Rail dated 4th January 2017, and Bruton Knowles dated 21st December (enclosed) denying the existence of the proposed path and stating that there were no alterations to the proposals put forward in September 2016.

We have had enormous difficulty getting information from Ardent, Bruton Knowles and Network Rail. The plans sent by Ardent in December contain yellow areas regarding land potentially affected by the order which appears to be partially on our land. On enquiry our point of contact at Ardent or Bruton Knowles could not interpret the plans with regard to where the boundary was.

We finally got a reply from Bruton Knowles on 20th March 2017 (enclosed) but have never received a reply from Network Rail to our last e-mail sent on the 5th April 2017.

We have had 4 different TWAO's since last September!

We have lived here for over 30 years and if this proposal goes through our property will go from having a footpath across one corner to having footpaths down 2 sides, this will affect the value of our property and our quality of life.

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We strongly urge you to leave the existing footpath where it is according to the consultation plans for September 2016, failing this we need an adequate fence erected along the boundary for security.

~~Yours faithfully Mr. & Mrs. P. Brace~~

Yours FAITHFULLY

Mr. & Mrs. P. BRACE

PLANS SENT TO US ON
12th DECEMBER 2016



Key:

Land potentially affected by the Order

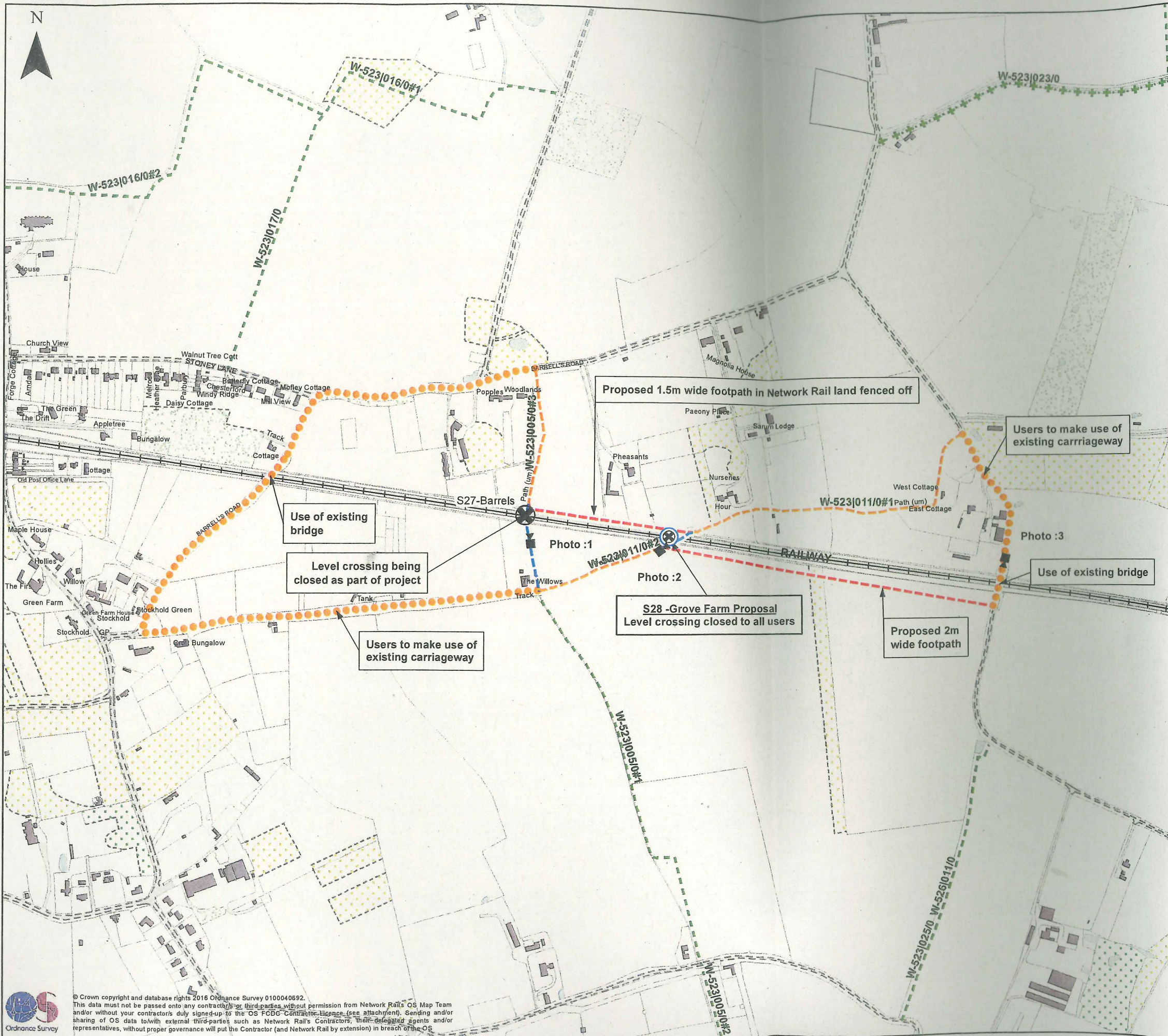
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Plan 11

1:2500 Scale

Drawn by	JS
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Date	07/12/2016
Rev	1
Ground	LT





Level Crossings

- Level crossing being discussed
- Other level crossing in the project
- Other level crossing not in the project

Right of Way / Other Route Type

- Footpath
 - Bridleway
 - Restricted byway
 - Byway open to all traffic
 - Highway (shown where used as part of a diversion)
 - Private Road / Track (shown where used as part of a diversion route)
- The line styles above indicate the type of right of way or other route proposed.
- The colours below indicate the nature of the proposal.

Right of Way / Other Route Status

- No Change and not part of diversion route
- Use of Existing right of way for diversion route
- Change of Status to right of way
- Closure of existing right of way
- Creation of new right of way

Photographs

- Photograph Location (with no. - see Summary Sheet for details)



Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy

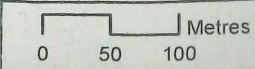
Round 2 Public Consultation Proposal

S27 - Barrels S28 - Grove Farm
Suffolk
Thurston CP

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Request for information on proposed - Side Pheasants Mead,
Barrells Road, Thurston, BURY ST. EDMUNDS, IP31 3SF
[Incident: 161215-000072]

Network Rail <communications_crm@mailgb.custhelp.com>

Wed 04/01/2017 06:19

To: peterbrace@hotmail.co.uk <peterbrace@hotmail.co.uk>;



Image

You recently requested personal assistance from our on-line Support Centre. Below is a summary of your request and our response. Thank you for allowing us to be of service to you.

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Subject

**Request for information on proposed - Side Pheasants Mead, Barrells Road,
Thurston, BURY ST. EDMUNDS, IP31 3SF**

Response By E-mail (Adrian Belcher) (04/01/2017 02:19 PM)

Dear Mr Brace,

Thank you for contacting Network Rail last month regarding a letter you have received about changes to plans for the level crossing near your property.

The team who are dealing with the Anglia Level Crossings proposals have advised that there has been some changes to our level crossings proposals since the consultation process was completed. However, the crossing known as Barrells is not one of the crossings where we have made any more changes to our proposals (as outlined during the consultation process). We have been in touch with our consultants, Mott MacDonald, and passed your comments to them so that they are aware.

Thank you again for contacting Network Rail and I hope that the information above is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Belcher
Community Relations
Network Rail

Response By Phone (Rowan Simpson) (16/12/2016 11.14 AM)

Called the local team, who advised that this has been forwarded to the Level Crossings team and that Mr Brace will be contacted in due-course.

Customer By Phone (Rowan Simpson) (16/12/2016 11.14 AM)

Mr Brace called for an update regarding this request. Mr Brace advised that a letter has been received proposing that a footpath will now be installed directly to the side of Mr Brace's property. Mr Brace would like to know if this is legal, as there has been no consultation advising that this footpath will be installed? Mr Brace added that Ardent have asked for information to be provided within two weeks as this will be proposed in early 2017.

Response By Phone (Matthew Johnson) (15/12/2016 10.07 AM)

Advised I would pass to local team who will be in touch in due course.

Customer By Phone (Matthew Johnson) (15/12/2016 10.07 AM)

Mr Brace called as he has received a letter from Ardent about the work to put in footpaths near Mr Braces property. He said he has been to all the consultation meetings and seen all the plans but the letter and plans received by Ardent show a path put right down the side of his property. He said this was not on the plans at the meetings. He wants to know if Network Rail can do this, and said what's the point in holding meetings if you just do what you want anyway?

Question Reference # 161215-000072

Date Created: 15/12/2016 10.07 AM

Date Last Updated: 04/01/2017 02.19 PM

Status: Closed

Network Rail East Anglia Level Crossing Closure Project - S27 - Barrels, Thurston - Suffolk [BK-BK.FID407098]

Laurie Edwards <Laurie.Edwards@brutonknowles.co.uk>

Wed 21/12/2016 01:59

To: peterbrace@hotmail.co.uk <peterbrace@hotmail.co.uk>;

2 attachments (6 MB)

anglia level crossings - round 2 consultation - s28 - grove farm - ip31pdf; anglia level crossings - round 2 consultation - s27 - barrels - ip31 3rj.pdf;

Good morning Mr Brace,

Further to our telephone conversation on Monday, I have now had the opportunity to review the information we have available in relation to level Crossing S27 - Barrels.

From the land registry, I understand that you live at Pheasants Mead off Barrells Road in Thurston and own land until title numbers SK60013 & SK60173 and as you are aware, Network Rail propose to close the level crossing. I have checked the proposals information online and I understand that they propose to create a new 1.5m wide footpath to the north of the railway line/ to the south of your property, within land already owned by Network Rail.

We have been recently instructed by Network Rail as their new land agents on the project and will be working alongside them and Ardent. I have attached the proposal information in relation to level crossing S27 - Barrels and S28 - Grove Farm for your information.

In order to secure the powers necessary to implement the proposals, such as the dedication of public rights of way across private land, extinguishments of existing rights and alteration of rights including downgrading of roads, Network Rail will be applying for three Transport and Works Act Orders (TWAOs) to the Secretary of State for Transport. The TWAO applications will be grouped by county as below and we expect to submit these in spring 2017.

1. The county of Suffolk (The Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction Order);
2. The county of Cambridgeshire (The Cambridgeshire Level Crossing Reduction Order);
3. The county of Essex, the county of Hertfordshire, the unitary authorities of Thurrock and Southend-on-Sea and the London Borough of Havering (The Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order).

To inform the application, they are consulting with the public and relevant statutory bodies. The feedback submitted to them and how Network Rail has taken account of it will form part of a consultation report which supports the, Transport and Works Act Order application.

We will seek clarification from Network Rail that the new footpath falls within land already in their ownership and come back to you but should you wish to discuss this in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Andrew Prowse on 0115 9881 160.

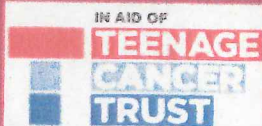
Kind regards

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Laurie Edwards <Laurie.Edwards@brutonknowles.co.uk>

Mon 20/03/2017 05:03

To: Peter Brace <peterbrace@hotmail.co.uk>;

📎 1 attachments (785 KB)

367516 Design Freeze Proposal Plans - S27.pdf;

Hi Mr Brace,

Further to our telephone conversation on Friday, I have now had confirmation from Network Rail that they will be taking forward the attached design proposal which includes the footpath to the west of your property.

They have been provided with a copy of your email below as discussed.

If you would like to put forward any concerns or comments regarding this revised design, I can feed this back to Network Rail for consideration.

Regards

Laurie Edwards



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APRIL 27th 2017

S27 - BARRELLS

EXISTING BOUNDARY

APRIL 27th 2017

S27 - BARRELLS

BOUNDARY IN PROCESS OF BEING
CUT DOWN

APRIL 27th 2017

S27 - BARRELLS

BOUNDARY COMPLETELY REMOVED

(EXISTING FOOTPATH RUNS ALONG
FAR SIDE OF THE FIELD)

