

**APPLICATION FOR THE PROPOSED NETWORK RAIL
(SUFFOLK LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION) ORDER**

APPENDIX 1 TO

PROOF OF EVIDENCE:

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The comments of Andrew Murray-Wood BSc(Hons), MCIEEM, Senior Ecologist, Suffolk County Council on:

Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy, EIA Screening Request: Suffolk Order 367516/RPT026 Revision E by Mott MacDonald dated 18th January 2017.

Page No:	Chapter:	Screening Summary Number & Name (& Parish):	AM-W Comments:
34	4	S01; Sea Wall, Brantham	A Habitats Regulations Assessment has been carried out and “ <i>no likely significant effects</i> ” concluded. Has this been approved by Natural England? The mitigation strategy proposed for Reptiles and Amphibians is sound (this comment applies throughout).
43	5	S02; Brantham High Bridge	Pleased with assurance of “ <i>implementation of best practice</i> ” but concerned about the use of an “ <i>Ecological Representative</i> ” and expect a suitably trained and qualified (through education and experience) Ecologist to be employed.
52	6	S03; Buxton Wood	More survey work is to be undertaken. Concerned about the use of an “ <i>Environmental Representative</i> ” and expect a suitably trained and qualified (through education and experience) Ecologist to be employed.

61	7	S04; Island (Bentley)	Concerned that the survey has not noted the potential presence of Dormouse (a European Protected Species). Expect a Suitably Qualified Ecologist (SQE) to assess impacts upon this fully protected species and to advise accordingly. No mention of Stag Beetle or Hedgehog. Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger activity and to use the sound mitigation strategy mentioned elsewhere. Expect a “tool box talk” or similar regarding Stag Beetle to be delivered by a SQE.
69	8	S05; Pannington Hall (Broomhaughton)	Concerned that the survey has not noted the potential presence of Dormouse habitat. Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger, Hedgehog and Stag Beetle activity and prepare a suitable mitigation strategy.
76	9	S07; Broomfield (Barham)	Because of the presence of the Suffolk Water Park and the River Gipping, expect the SQE to beware of potential Otter Holt activity. Expect a “tool box talk” or similar regarding Otters to be delivered by a SQE. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.
83	10	S08; Stacpool (Needham Market)	Because of the presence of the River Gipping, expect the SQE to beware of potential Otter Holt activity and, in addition, Badger activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these

			species.
91	11	S11; Leggetts (Old Newton)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
98	12	S12; Gooderhams	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
106	13	S13; Fords Green (Bacton)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
114	14	S16; Gislingham (Finningham)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
121	15	S17; Paynes (Gislingham)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
129	16	S18; Cow Pasture Lane (Mellis)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
133	17	S21 Abbots (Mellis)	This site is adjacent to the Mellis Common Suffolk Wildlife Trust Reserve noted for, amongst other things, Great Crested Newt (a European Protected Species). Expect a SQE to assess impacts upon this fully protected species and to advise accordingly. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.
141	18	S22; Weatherby (Newmarket)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.

147	19	S23; Higham (Higham)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
154	20	S24; Higham Ground Frame (Barrow)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
161	21	S25; Cattishall (Great Barton)	Concerned that the survey has not noted the potential presence of Badger (records nearby). Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
168	22	S27; Barrels (Thurston)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
175	23	S28; Grove Farm (Thurston)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. The proposed mitigation strategy for Badgers is sound.
183	24	S29; Hawk End Lane (Elmswell)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.
193	25	S30; Lords No. 29 (Elmswell)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.
200	26	S31; Mutton Hall (Wetherden)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Badger and Hedgehog activity. The proposed mitigation strategy for Badgers

			is sound.
208	27	S33; Westerfield (Ipswich)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Dormouse, Badger and Hedgehog activity. Expect a SQE to assess impacts upon Dormouse and to advise accordingly. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover these species.
218	28	S69 Bacton (Bacton)	Expect the SQE to beware of potential Hedgehog activity. Expect the mitigation strategy to cover this species.