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**Subject:** Network Rail (Essex and Others Crossing Reduction) Order - Roydon Lea Farm,  
Roydon Road, Harlow, Essex CM19 5DU - E02 Camps - Objections

Dear Sirs

We are instructed by the Camp family of Roydon Lea Farm to act as their agent in respect of the Network Rail (Essex and Others Crossing Reduction) Order proposals.

On their behalf we confirm objections to the proposals shown as E02-Camps on the following grounds;

1. The notices placed on site were not accompanied by plans necessary to show the proposed changes. They included plan Sheet 05 showing the footpaths to be stopped up but not plan Sheet 06 showing the proposed new footpath.
2. The notices have not been correctly served on the owners of the land affected by the proposals.
3. The proposed new footpath route is far longer than the existing route which is proposed to be stopped up causing unnecessary inconvenience to users\*.
4. The stopping up of Footpath (FP) 75 Harlow, as proposed, will leave the remaining southern section of FP75 and FP 74 Harlow as an awkward 'dog-leg' in the farmyard at Roydon Lea Farm\*.
5. The proposed new route would run along floristically enhanced field margins which are within a Higher Level Scheme (HLS) agri-environmental agreement with Natural England/DEFRA. This is not conducive to the wildlife conservation aims of the scheme.
6. In light of objection 5 (above), it is likely the field margins would need to be extended beyond the proposed path which would reduce the area available for growing crops in the adjacent fields, which would make it difficult to achieve areas required to fulfil obligations under the HLS agreement and have significant financial consequences for our client.
7. The proposals as currently drafted could significantly affect the residential enjoyment and value of Roydon Lea Farm Cottage. It would also mean FP users would be crossing the busy entrance road to Roydon Lea Farm, which is used not only by farm traffic but the residential and commercial users of the site including the concrete crushing plant.

\* My client has repeatedly sought to engage with Network Rail and their representatives about proposed alternatives which better address Network Rail's objectives. These suggestions have been ignored as has our more recent request for a site meeting. My client remains content to engage with Network Rail to assist in identifying a better solution. We are hopeful that a robust consultation process can be initiated and welcome the opportunity to meet with Network Rail as soon as possible.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours faithfully

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