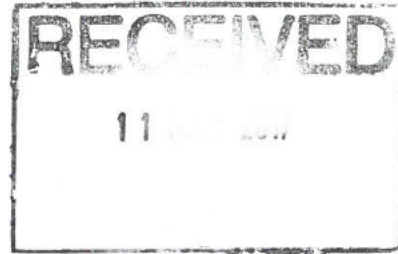


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Secretary of State for Transport
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Mr D Hedges



2nd May 2017

Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order

Dear Secretary of State,

Currently part of the existing footpath passes through my yard at [REDACTED] and crosses over the railway towards the village of Widdington as seen on the plan, sheet 16 (E08 – Henham Level Crossing). I do not object to the closure of this crossing as it is and always has been a danger to those who use it.

I do however solemnly object to Network Rails proposal to reroute part of the existing footpath and create a new footpath on my land (ref: Footpath between points P104 and P105 on plan). To run along the boundary of my field parallel with North Hall Rd for approximately 225 meters in length. There is absolutely no reason why the new footpath should not use the existing roadway and not my field. When the M11 motorway was built in 1975 the footpath was rerouted then and walkers have used the roadway as the designated footpath for 42 years. It has been perfectly adequate for walkers to do so for all these years so I do not see why that should change now. The only difference being the footpath would run in the opposite direction along North Hall Rd. I enclose photographs of said road to show the existing footpath and the opposite direction of the roadway adjacent to my field. As one can observe from the photographs the section of road I propose walkers use is actually straighter than the section of road that is the currently used which has a bend to it, this would make walking actually safer.

I bought the field in 1984 without encumbrance and therefore I will not accept the financial burden and responsibility of public access to this field. I run a small holding and use the field for grazing my livestock. During Springtime I have a concentration of sheep lambing in this area as it has tree plantation as protection and good grass grazing for them. I know they are completely safe as all gates are

padlocked and no one has access to them. I do not want a footpath to pass through this area creating the possibility of open gates, rubbish left and dogs/people worrying my pregnant ewes and young lambs. There is also the worry of one of my Rams or Bull charging and butting a walker which could result in life changing injuries.

I do not wish to lose the road frontage to my field due to a footpath being present. When I access my field by tractor/and trailer/large farm implements these and the gates will block the proposed footpath and make it very dangerous for myself driving the vehicle and walkers trying to access the footpath.

I do not want the financial liability that this proposed footpath would put upon me. If Network Rails proposal goes ahead on my land then they will have to take on the financial and upkeep responsibility of this footpath and any financial claims made by walkers for the entire time the footpath remained on the land.

Yours faithfully

David Hedges

Photo 1 (looking north) depicting current footpath heading towards Home Farm, along North Hall road (Red line)

My proposed route of footpath in opposite direction along North Hall road (blue line)



Photo 2 (looking South) depicting my proposed route of footpath (blue line) in the opposite direction to the south along North Hall road



Photo 3 (looking North) depicting my proposed route of footpath (blue line) along the straight section of road.



Railway cottages

My proposed alignment
of the new footpath

Photo 4 (looking South from Home Farm) depicting the current route of footpath (red line) around the bend to the M11 underpass section of road.



Home Farm
entrance

Photo 5 (looking North to Home Farm) depicting the current route of footpath (red line) around the bend from the M11 underpass section of road.



SCHEDULE 1

Description of land and/or buildings affected by the proposed compulsory powers

No. on attached plan	Extent and description of land
Plot No. 10	62.42 square metres of shrubbery, trees and grassland, west of public highway (North Hall Road), Ugley, Essex

SCHEDULE 1

Description of land and/or buildings affected by the proposed compulsory powers

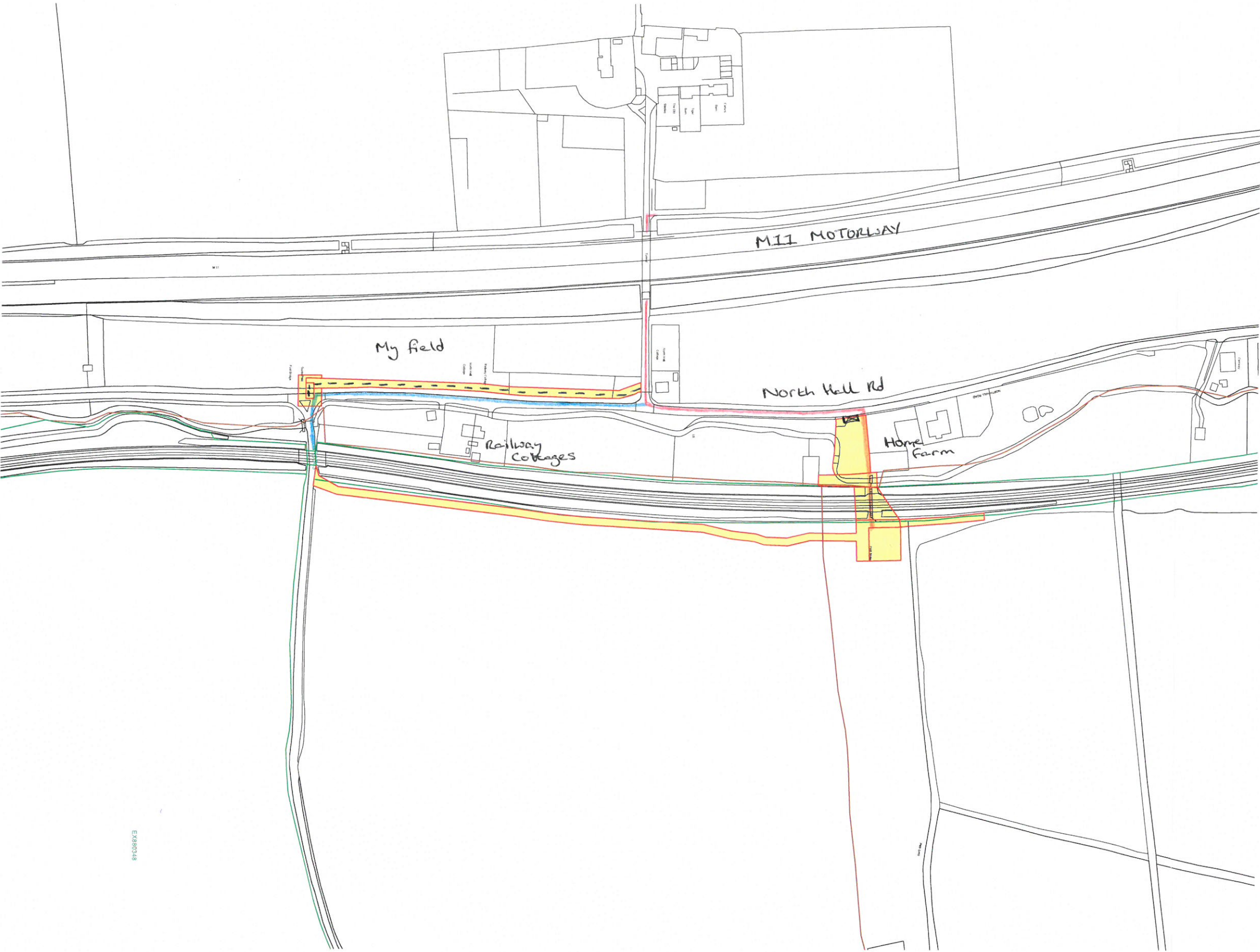
No. on attached plan	Extent and description of land
Plot No. 11	999.07 square metres of shrubbery, trees and grassland, west of public highway (North Hall Road), Ugley, Essex

SCHEDULE 1

Description of land and/or buildings affected by the proposed compulsory powers

No. on attached plan	Extent and description of land
Plot No. 12	17.69 square metres of shrubbery, trees and grassland, west of public highway (North Hall Road), Ugley, Essex

- Key:
- Land potentially affected by the Order
 - My proposed footpath route
 - Existing footpath
 - Network Rails proposed new footpath in my field.



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Title:
Plan 16

Scale: 1:2500 @ A3
20m 0m 20m 40m 60m 80m 100m

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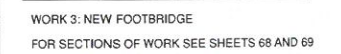
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COUNTY OF ESSEX, DISTRICT OF UTTLESFORD



Unrestricted powers to acquire land
No. on plan:

Powers Limited to Temporary Use of Land and Acquisition of Rights
No. on plan:

Powers Limited to Temporary Use of Land
No. on plan:

Parish of Henham

25	26A
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26	26B
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Parish of Ugley

01A	10	12	14	16	18	20
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01B	11	13	15	17	19	21
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Parish of Widdington

04	08
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25	26
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Powers Limited to Rights
No. on plan:

<p>Powers Limited to Extinguishment of Rights No. on plan:</p>
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Parish of Ugley21A
Barish of Middletown

Parish of Widdington	
01	02

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— Centreline of Work

Commencement of Work

Commencement of work	
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Termination of Work

(A) New / Improved Access

Limit of Deviation

Limit of Land to be Acquired or Used

Individual Land Parcels are shaded in

contrasting shades of grey

01 Land Parcel Number

 Network Rail Property

 Areas of Third Party Land

from New Access Rights

Existing or Alleged Public

— Existing or Alleged Public Right of Way
 - - - - - New Public Right of Way

----- New Public Right of Way

TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

(If Applicable)

TR01 Traffic Regulation Order Reference Point

Administrative Boundaries

... Administrative Boundaries

HIGHWAY(S) TO BE STOPPED UP PERMANENTLY	
Highway to be stopped up permanently	New highway to be provided
Footpath EX [55]26 (Widdington) between points P106, P099, P100, and P101	Footpath between points P101 and P103
Path not on definitive map between points P106, P107, P108 and P101	Footpath between points P104 and P105

HIGHWAY[S] TO BE STOPPED UP TEMPORARILY
Footpath EX 55 26(Widdington) between points P106, P099, P100 and P101
Path not on definitive map between points P106, P107, P108 and P101

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NOTE: The area enclosed by any limit of deviation or limit of land to be acquired or used is the area extending to the outer edge of the line marking those limits.

HORIZONTAL SCALE FOR PLAN 1:1250