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**Subject:** 

Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order

Attachments:

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**Dear Sirs** 

We are instructed by Christopher Padfield of S & J Padfield and Partners who are the owners of land affected by the proposal for E28 – Whipps Farmers Level Crossing in the Brentwood District.

We are instructed to object to the proposed creation of a new footpath in our client's fields and we raise objections on the following points:

1. That the combined areas that we have highlighted in pink and orange on the attached drawing (no. MMD - 367516-E28-GEN-005) create a new footpath on our client's land. This new route is also shown between points P381, P382 and P383 on sheets 56 and 57. We consider that this new footpath is entirely unnecessary when a much simpler solution would be to create a new route either going across the blue line as shown on the plan or perhaps, if more practical on the ground, following the appropriate field boundary to give a similar affect.

We understand the point of needing to join footpath EX/272/178 into the existing rights of way network and reconnecting it with footpaths EX/272/179 and EX/272/180 to enable walkers to reach the Puddle Dock Level Crossing.

We believe that this can be much more simply done using an alternative route as suggested highlighted blue.

2. The area of footpath that we have highlighted in orange which appears to be connecting EX/272/180 to EX/272/183 creates an entirely new right of way that has never existed and never been shown to be required. We do not see why this should be acquired over our client's land.

Our client advises us that they have only had one phone call with representatives of Network Rail which they came away from believing that there would be no new footpaths across their landholding. They have no objection to the closure of Level Crossings and fully understand the important safety requirements to do so.

We look forward of hearing the outcome of your consideration of this objection.

Yours faithfully

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