TRANSPORT AND WORKS ACT SECTION 1 AND 5 THE NETWORK RAIL (ESSEX AND OTHERS LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION) ORDER

E41 Paget Road OBJ59 Appendix 2 to the Proof of Evidence of Cyril Liddy.

1. Peter Kay (OBJ 029) refers to an email from Abellio Greater Anglia at page 8 of his amended Statement. On behalf of WTC, here is a copy of that email page by way of evidence.

A: Contact Centre [mailto:ContactCentre@abelliogreateranglia.co.uk]
At: 29 September 2016 16:47
O: Environmental Protection Team
Subject: Case Reference: GA160927-BD71

Dear Ms Newman,

Thank you for your recent email.

I was sorry to learn of the train horns sounding which is causing a disturbance our neighbours near Wivenhoe Station.

There has been a recent change to the horn sounding following complaints from the ORR (Office of Rail and Road) and Network Rail with regards to people near the tracks not being able to hear the train horn at crossings. This was backed up by both the ORR and Network Rail at their site visits.

As the horn is a safety feature, it must be loud enough to be heard over 400 meters away and there is a minimum 3 second warning with no maximum. The volume has not increased however a warning is sounded for 3 seconds which I appreciate may seem like a very long time and I am sorry for the inconvenience this causes.

2. The purpose of drawing the Inquiry's attention to the page is not to attack an individual acting in the course of his employment, but to demonstrate that NR had recently introduced a policy for train drivers to sound their horns, after the crossing reduction programme was first proposed on the Anglia line in 2014.

Cyril Liddy. Wednesday 4th October 2017.