

Network Rail Crossing Reduction E08 Henham

I have no objection to routing the new footpath across my land, but I do object to route of the footpath in the Order which routes the path along the present boundary fence.

From the present crossing south there is a thick wood with low branches for around 100 meters beside the boundary fence through which it is not possible to walk. The footpath should be moved to the field boundary to the East of the wood, some 10 meters from the present boundary fence.

Network Rail plan to build a 2 meter fence beside the footpath along the boundary for security. Where the footpath has been moved away from the boundary with a thick wood in between, there should be no need for such a fence. To build a 2 meter high fence between the wood and the rail embankment can only be done by hand as there is no room for any machinery . I would most strongly object to any trees being felled or even branches removed.

The exit from the field onto the road by the railway bridge is at present down a very steep bank and is not safe. The exit needs to be levelled suitable for wheelchairs.

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