

Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Sirs

**OBJECTION TO THE NETWORK RAIL (LEEDS TO MICKLEFIELD ENHANCEMENTS) ORDER
2023 – BRADY FARM BRIDGE**

I am writing on behalf of my clients, Makins Enterprise Ltd and Christopher William Makin of [REDACTED] to object to the proposed 'Network Rail (Leeds to Micklefield Enhancements) Order 2023'.

Our objection relates to the proposal to demolish "Brady Farm Bridge" shown as reference HUL 4/15, 11-013, 11-014 and 11-015 on the "Schedule" and "Sheet No.8" of the Order.

We object to the proposal on the following grounds:

1. Brady Bridge is a Grade II listed structure and the permanent removal of it will be of detriment to the heritage of this area.
2. Brady Farm Bridge has been used by the Makin family since 1968 to access land on either side of the railway and to get water from Sturton Grange over the railway to the land to the south known as Peckfield House Farm.

In the 1980's, due to growing a variety of crops that required irrigation, an extensive irrigation system was installed to feed both farms from the borehole on Sturton Grange. Peckfield House Farm was connected to the irrigation system via a water pipe running over "Brady Farm Bridge". The connecting water pipe still lies across the bridge to enable the irrigation system to be utilised at any time by the occupiers of the land at Peckfield House Farm.

If Brady Bridge is removed in its entirety, the water pipe will be removed thereby severing the irrigation system between the two farms, which is of considerable concern. There is already a significant shortage of irrigated land in the area suitable for growing root crops. As our climate continues to change our reliance on a good water supply to grow crops of all types, not just root crops, is going to increase and particularly on free-draining limestone land like Peckfield House Farm.

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Water is a very valuable resource in agriculture and food production, and we feel that Network Rail have failed to consult properly with my Client in relation to their concerns over the permanent removal of the irrigation system. Despite informing Network Rail about the location of the water pipe and its imperative use, Network Rail have not discussed or suggested any alternative ways of keeping the water pipe in situ or re-locating it.

We therefore request that Network Rail consult further with my Client to find an alternative route for the water supply across the railway and request that this is made a condition of the Order if granted.

We would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of our objection and look forward to hearing from you in due course. Please forward all correspondence relating to this objection to Anna Morley, Brockthorpe Consultancy, Enthorpe House Farm, Middleton on the Wolds, Driffield, YO25 9DG or by email anna@brockthorpe.co.uk.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely



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