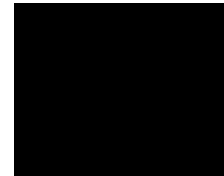




Mr and Mrs Spencer



Date 9th January 2025

Dear Mr and Mrs Spencer

The Network Rail (Tackley Level Crossing) Order 202[X]

Thank you for your letter dated 3 December 2025 regarding the proposals for the closure of Tackley Level Crossing and the associated provision of a replacement bridleway route. We note in particular your concerns regarding the section of existing footpath that is proposed to be redesignated as a bridleway and routed alongside the eastern and northern boundaries of your property.

Network Rail is committed to ensuring that the scheme delivers a safe, accessible, and appropriately designed replacement route for all users, while also giving careful consideration to the amenity of those living adjacent to the proposed works. We appreciate you taking the time to set out the potential impacts on your property.

Privacy and Amenity

We acknowledge your concerns regarding the proximity of the proposed bridleway to your property. The alignment shown in the proposals reflects the only practicable route available, as it is necessary to position the bridleway along the edge of the adjoining field to ensure that no part of the Tackley Estate becomes landlocked. As a result, the route must pass adjacent to your boundary, and there are no feasible alternative alignments that would allow the scheme to meet statutory and land access requirements.

Requested Measures

You have proposed three specific measures, which we address as follows:

- 1) Evergreen hedge planting along your boundary

Network Rail is willing to give active consideration to incorporating suitable evergreen planting where feasible. Any planting would need to take account of available space, land ownership, and long-term maintainability .

- 2) Aesthetic design of fencing adjacent to your property

We understand your concerns regarding the character and appearance of fencing. The

scheme design does not intend to use standard railway security fencing along residential boundaries. Instead, we plan to implement rural-appropriate stock-proof fencing as part of our design requirements, consisting of steel wire mesh with wooden / metal posts

3) Noise minimisation through bridleway surfacing

The highway authority have approved the installation of a free draining naturally binding stone is suitable for the surface layer which is similar to the existing bridleway (Tackley BR2) surface, suitable for users, including equestrians, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Next Steps

All representations received during consultation, including your letter, will form part of the material presented to the Secretary of State as part of the TWAO application. They will be considered in the determination of the Order. Network Rail will continue to keep affected landowners informed as the statutory process progresses.

Thank you again for your engagement with the proposals and for setting out your views. Should you have any further questions regarding the scheme or the TWAO process, please feel free to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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