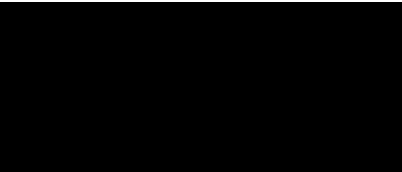




Ms Geri Coop



Date 9th January 2025

Dear Ms. Coop

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

Thank you for your letter responding to Network Rail's consultation on the proposed closure of Tackley Level Crossing and the associated diversion of the bridleway. We acknowledge receipt of your comments and welcome your confirmation of support for the proposal, subject to the provision of an appropriate surface for all users.

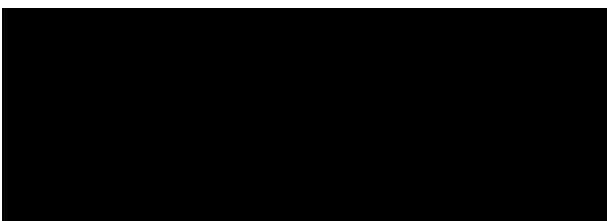
We note your comments regarding the need for a surface that is resilient through winter conditions, without introducing a sealed or urban-style finish. Network Rail recognises the importance of ensuring that the diverted bridleway remains suitable for its rural context and continues to meet the needs of walkers, horse riders, and other non-motorised users.

In this regard, Network Rail is following Oxfordshire County Council (OCC), as Highway Authority, guidance on the construction of the new bridleway. This guidance is specifically intended to ensure that any provision is appropriate for its rural setting and suitable for shared use. The Highway Authority has approved the use of a free-draining, naturally binding stone for the surface layer, which is similar in character and performance to the existing Tackley BR2 bridleway surface and is suitable for equestrians, cyclists, and pedestrians.

Your comments will be formally recorded as part of the Transport and Works Act Order consultation process and forwarded to the Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit for consideration as part of the examination of the Order.

Thank you again for taking the time to provide your views. Your input is valued and helps ensure that the proposed alternative bridleway provision is robust, appropriate, and sensitive to its rural setting.

Yours sincerely,



David Wilson

Head of Consents and Environmental Planning

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