

Haggett Camilla

From: Cox, Amy J <Amy.Cox@mottmac.com>
Sent: 03 October 2017 09:33
To: Devitt Christopher
Cc: Haggett Camilla; Huntley, Nathan R; Tilbrook, Susan J
Subject: RE: Surveys for Network Rail TWAO Crossings Closures
Attachments: Email EA.PNG; Email EA II.PNG; EA Email III.PNG

Hi Chris,

Many apologies for the delay – previously all correspondence had to go through Network Rail but we have now agreed that I can continue my direct contact with yourselves.

Please find attached the correspondence from the EA regarding the sites in Cambridgeshire.

In addition please see an additional response from our flood risk team which expands on the points from the EA.

It is noted that a Public Right of Way (PRoW) is a route that anyone has a legal right to use on foot (or by certain modes of transport), they are, however, not considered Essential Infrastructure when considering flood risk. Only Essential Infrastructure (such as major evacuation routes) are required to be kept safe and accessible during times of flood. PRoWs are legally required to be kept free from obstructions, however, this does not extend to a natural obstruction such as a flood. If the path becomes blocked by a natural obstruction (e.g. during a time of flood) then the user does not have the right to deviate around the natural obstruction and is advised to retrace their steps and contact their local Countryside Access Team.

The Environment Agency (EA) note that PRoWs are classed as 'Water Compatible' and are therefore acceptable within Flood Zone 3b – the functional floodplain. If a PRoW could be affected by flooding then public safety notices are an option to consider. From an historic flooding perspective, it is unlikely that the EA hold any information about the frequency of flooding in this location as it is located within the raised flood defences. The EA would only record flooding if these defences were overtopped or breached.

With regards the ecology surveys, these are currently ongoing as access has been difficult to obtain for third party land but I have made contact with Julia Beeden in CCC and Beth will be in touch shortly with a summary of the survey results. I know surveys have been undertaken at C16 & C17 so hopefully we can provide a summary of those by the end of the week.

Please can you confirm that the only outstanding data from myself now is the ecology survey results for the sites that CCC refer to in their objection letter?

Kind Regards,

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Cc: Haggett Camilla <Camilla.Haggett@cambridgeshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Surveys for Network Rail TWAO Crossings Closures

Dear Amy,

Following from my email on 15/09/17 I was wondering if you are now able to provide all of your surveys and feasibility explanations from site visits as well as flood data that you agreed to provide during the Shire Hall meeting between NR, CCC and MM on 16/08/17.

Kind regards,
Chris Devitt

From: Cox, Amy J [mailto:Amy.Cox@mottmac.com]
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To: Devitt Christopher <Christopher.Devitt@LGSSLaw.co.uk>
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Subject: RE: Surveys for Network Rail TWAO Crossings Closures

Hi Chris,

Thanks for your email – I am just in discussion with Network Rail and we will respond to your query as soon as we can.

Kind Regards,

Amy

From: Devitt Christopher [mailto:Christopher.Devitt@LGSSLaw.co.uk]
Sent: 15 September 2017 11:22
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Subject: Surveys for Network Rail TWAO Crossings Closures

Dear Amy,

I am assisting Camilla Rhodes and Cambridgeshire County Council with preparation for the Public Inquiry following from Network Rail's Proposed TWAO for Crossings Closures.

I have been instructed by Camilla to request that you send all of your surveys and feasibility explanations from site visits as well as flood data that you agreed to provide during the Shire Hall meeting between NR, CCC and MM on 16/08/17.

Kind regards,
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