

Network Rail (Tackley Level Crossing) Order 20[]**Note with regards to queries raised during the site visit in relation to Plot 10**

1. Plot 10 is referred to on the Land and Rights of Way Plans [APP07-1], the Book of Reference [APP06] as well as the plan showing plots to be permanently acquired [INQ-04-1] and is owned by Mr Andrew Peake (**Tackley Estate**).
2. An accompanied site visit was undertaken on 21 June 2024 in which concerns regarding plot 10 were raised by Mr Hywel Morse (the land agent for Tackley Estate), specifically querying the accuracy of the position of the proposed new bridleway as shown on the Land and Rights of Way Plans and the consequential impacts on Tackley Estate.
3. There have been concerns expressed that as currently shown, the proposed new bridleway location might create an area of land severed from the main field. If so, Tackley Estate would not be able to utilise this area for agricultural purposes due to its location yet would be required to maintain this area due to it remaining in their ownership.
4. Mr Morse also expressed concerns with regards to the ability of Tackley Estate to maintain the hedgeline located at the southern boundary of the field as a result of the proposed new bridleway location.
5. It was suggested by Mr Morse that this could be resolved by the proposed new bridleway being located parallel to the field boundary, which would eradicate the severed piece of land and enabling hedgeline maintenance, subject to enabling access for agricultural vehicles.
6. This accords with the position as was explained by Mr Tyrrell of Addleshaw Goddard LLP on behalf of Network Rail at the Inquiry on 20 June 2024 following the cross-examination of Mr Andrew Willson, being that:
 - a. Network Rail will not seek to acquire the land on which the proposed New Bridleway is to be constructed; it seeks powers under the Order to create the proposed new bridleway only;
 - b. Network Rail will make reasonable endeavours to ensure that the southern end of the proposed New Bridleway to be created under the Order is constructed as close to the hedging located at the southern boundary of the field as possible; and
 - c. no part of Mr Peake's land will be left to the south of the bridleway (so as to be situated between the New Bridleway and the existing boundary hedge along the south of the field).
7. **Accordingly, Network Rail hereby undertakes for the benefit of Mr Andrew Peake of Tackley Estate:**
 - a. **Network Rail will not seek to acquire the land on which the proposed New Bridleway is to be constructed; it seeks powers under the Order to create the proposed new bridleway only;**
 - b. **Network Rail will make reasonable endeavours to ensure that the southern end of the proposed New Bridleway to be created under the Order is constructed as close to the hedging located at the southern boundary of the field as possible;**

- c. no part of Mr Peake's land will be left to the south of the New Bridleway (so as to be situated between the New Bridleway and the existing boundary hedge along the south of the field; and**
- d. Network Rail will make reasonable endeavours to ensure that the proposed new bridleway would be sufficiently wide at the southern boundary of the field so as to allow maintenance of the boundary hedging from the northern side by agricultural mowing apparatus, or that otherwise such apparatus can have access via gates in the bridleway fencing to allow for access to maintain the hedge.**

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