Anglia

Level Crossing Proposals

NetworkRail

E06 – Elsenham Emergency Hut Henham Parish – EX/25/32

Network Rail has been working hard to better manage its level crossings and the risks they pose, and has developed proposals for the possible closure or change to public rights of way at over 130 of its level crossings in Anglia. Closing or modifying level crossings can help to bring about a number of benefits:

- Improve the safety of level crossing users
- Deliver a more efficient and reliable railway, which is vital in supporting the regional and UK economy
- Reduce the ongoing operating and maintenance cost of the railway
- Reduce delays to trains, pedestrians and other highway users
- Improve journey time reliability for all railways, highway and other rights of way users



The level crossings in this initial phase of the Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy do not include any new bridges or underpasses, and offer benefits which are currently affordable and deliverable.

Elsenham Emergency Hut is one of the level crossings in Essex County. It is located in Henham Parish and has the postcode CM22 6JL. This is currently a Stop, Look & Listen public footpath level crossing where pedestrians make their own judgement whether it is safe to cross. This level crossing is protected by whistle boards. Whistle boards are only effective between the hours of 07:00 - 23:00, outside of these hours train drivers are not allowed to use their horns. The level crossing is currently closed for safety reasons due to the issue of trains that do not stop at Elsenham station being unable to provide suitable warning of their approach. The railway at this crossing carries passenger and freight trains. A photograph of the crossing is shown above.

Our proposed change: Is to close the level crossing to all users. To cross the railway the following is currently proposed (shown on the drawing overleaf):

Red Route - Users would be diverted south on a new footpath in farm land and private land which provides a link to New Road. The diversion would use the existing footway and the road crossing or footbridge at Elsenham Station to cross the railway. A new footpath link to the east of railway will be provided linking to footpath EX/25/15.

Blue Route – Users would be diverted along grass verges and footways on New Road. The diversion would use the road crossing or footbridge at Elsenham Station to cross the railway. A new footpath link to the east of railway would be provided linking to footpath EX/25/15.

Green Route - A new footpath would be created to the north along field boundaries providing additional links to public rights of way.

This summary sheet and a questionnaire are available at the public exhibitions and on the project website at: **www.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings**. Please complete the separate questionnaire using the level crossing identification number **E06** and your feedback will be considered before the proposals are finalised.

To contact our team, please email us at: anglialevelcrossings@networkrail.co.uk or phone the helpline: 03457 11 41. We thank you for your time and providing your comments on the Anglia Level Crossing Proposals.

