

The study

Level crossings are a road and rail issue. They cause delays to trains, pedestrians and road users.

We have already taken steps to close or replace many level crossings across the network and improve people's understanding of the potential dangers.

In addition to Network Rail's national programme of level crossing closures, this project seeks to close all remaining level crossings on the East Coast Main Line between London Kings Cross and Doncaster.

We are consulting with stakeholders and working with local authorities to help us find solutions that benefit the railway and local communities.

Key benefits

Delays at level crossings lead to increased journey times for highway, footpath and bridleway users, which have a tangible economic cost.

By removing crossings we can seek to improve the local economy by removing delays thus delivering better connectivity.

The location programme is driven by planned renewals and investment in new signalling technology, in particular the introduction of a new signalling system between London and Doncaster around 2020.



How to respond

Please visit us at one of the forthcoming public exhibitions to find out more about our plans. You can submit feedback using the comment cards available at our exhibitions or online at: www.networkrail.co.uk/ECMLlevelcrossings

Your comments are valued and we will consider your responses when finalising our proposals.

Please submit your feedback to the consultation by 8 December 2014.

Further information...

For the latest information on the project, please visit our website or email us at: ECMLlevelcrossings@networkrail.co.uk

If you require this information in an alternative format or need help understanding it, please call us on 08457 11 41 41.

What happens next?

Transport and Works Act Orders (TWAOs) to close the level crossings are expected to be submitted to the Secretary of State for Transport in 2015. Subject to funding.



East Coast Main Line Level Crossing Closures Feasibility Study

Community Consultation

Love Lane
Great Paxton
Firbanks No.1

November 2014



East Coast Main Line

Level crossings closure programme – feasibility study

Network Rail is continuing its feasibility study to explore options for the closure of level crossings on the East Coast Main Line (ECML) as part of our ongoing commitment to deliver a safer, more efficient and reliable railway.

We are now consulting on our preferred options to close crossings and provide alternative access arrangements in your area. We would like to understand how the preferred solutions affect your community. Having received an excellent response to our first round of public consultation held in June and July 2014 we wish to thank the residents, businesses and other stakeholders who took part in that process.

The information provided through the first round of consultation has been used in the process to help select preferred options for each crossing and develop proposals to be presented during this second round of consultation.

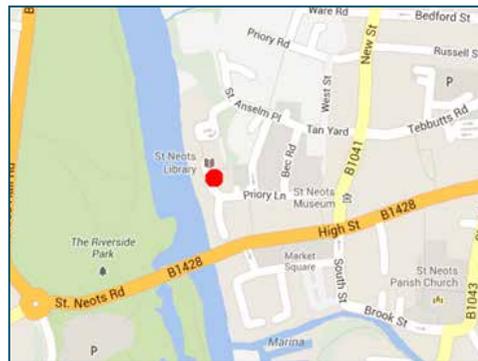
Visit our public exhibitions

We invite you to attend a public exhibition relating to level crossings at Love Lane, Great Paxton and Firbanks No.1, to be held on:

Saturday 8th November (1pm-5pm) and
Tuesday 11th November (4pm-8pm), at:

The Priory Centre
Priory Lane
St Neots
Cambridgeshire
PE19 2BH

Our representatives and consultants will be available during the exhibitions to explain the preferred options and answer your questions.



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Preferred options

Love Lane

This crossing is a public footpath located at the eastern boundary of St Neots urban area.

We are seeking to close this crossing and divert pedestrians via an existing public footpath and underpass 450 metres to the south.

Great Paxton

This pedestrian footpath crossing has been out of use for several years and is not well known to many users.

We are seeking to close the crossing and divert pedestrians via an existing public footpath and underpass 100 metres to the south.

Firbanks No.1

This is a private foot crossing (no public rights) with only one authorised user. We are proposing to close this crossing.



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