

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 and 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 9 February 2015.

Further information...

For the latest information on the project, please visit our website or email us at:

ECMLlevelcrossings@networkrail.co.uk

Please note that further details about each crossing will be available online immediately prior to the public exhibitions.

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?

Subject to funding, 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.



East Coast Main Line Level Crossing Closures Feasibility Study

Community Consultation

Offord
Gills

January 2015



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 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 the level crossing closures at Offord and Gills, to be held on:

Thursday 8th January (4pm-8pm) and
Saturday 10th January (11am-3pm), at:

Offord Village Hall
High Street
Offord Cluny
Cambridgeshire
PE19 5RR

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



Preferred options

Offord

This is currently a public highway level crossing. We are seeking to close this crossing and provide a new road and bridge over the railway linking Station Lane, between the River Ouse and the level crossing, with the B1043 just to the north of the village.

Gills

This is currently a public footpath crossing. We are seeking to close this crossing and provide a ramped cycle/footbridge at the site of the existing road level crossing on Station Lane.



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