

You Said, We Listened

East Coast Main Line Level Crossing Closure Programme Feasibility Study

Offord and Gills

70% of respondents either agreed or strongly agreed with Network Rail's proposals to close the level crossings at Offord and Gills.

Results of the first consultation demonstrate that the majority of respondents were in favour of closing the level crossings and our alternative arrangements.

Many respondents were concerned about the visual impact of the proposals, particularly regarding the proposed road and vehicle bridge structure to the north.

The preferred option will be landscaped to soften the visual impact of the road bridge. Visualisations have been provided to give local residents an idea of what the bridge will look like. We have also been liaising with local environmental groups to provide a solution which is more sympathetic to the local area.

Feedback showed that residents would like a roundabout at the junction with the B1043.

The preferred option now incorporates a proposed roundabout at the junction of the B1043 and the north end of the proposed route. This will help to reduce vehicle speeds and maintain the free flow of traffic for all manoeuvres. The roundabout junction to the commercial site has been replaced with a priority junction to lessen impact and reduce land take.

The surrounding area floods regularly. It should be designed so the road is high enough to prevent flooding.

We are aware that the area in the vicinity of the Offord and Gills level crossing is particularly prone to flooding. As part of the TWAO process we will undertake a full Flood Risk Assessment of the proposals. We are working closely with the Environment Agency and will look to model the storage and displacement of existing flood water. This will allow us to provide a scheme which is sensitive to the environmental constraints of the local area and provide a suitable alternative route for existing users.