

Appendix 1. Network Rail Letter requesting the closure of the level crossing and the diversion of the path



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Dear Sirs

Request to Promote an Order under Section 208 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 for the Closure of Panholes Level Crossing, Blackford; and Diversion of the Asserted Right of Way 29/3 and Core Path BLFD/3.

This request is being made by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited, Registered Office: Network Rail, 2nd Floor, One Eversholt Street, London, NW1 2DN, Registered in England and Wales No. 2904587. However please use the contact details at the top of this letter for correspondence.

Part of the land is in the ownership of Network Rail Infrastructure Limited. Part is in the ownership of Blackford Farms Ltd, 5 New Street Square, London, EC4A 3TW.

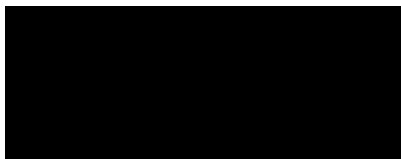
The accompanying plan (Panholes Level Crossing Footbridge: Stopping Up Order Plan: Planning 1a) shows the land affected. The land to be stopped up is the area between points A and B, via C, where C is Panholes Level Crossing and sections of the Asserted Right of Way 29/3 and Core Path (BLFD/3), on the attached plan. The footpath would be diverted over an area of ground from point A to point D; and from point D, over the proposed footbridge to point E, where the proposed footbridge meets Core Path BLFD/111 and eastwards towards point B.

In summary, this request is being made as the footpath diversion is both necessary to enable a development to go ahead and that development has planning permission (18/01311/FLL). While the closure of the crossing for

safety reasons necessitates the construction of a replacement crossing by a footbridge; the consent for the footbridge cannot be implemented without closure of the crossing. Further, retention of the level crossing would prohibit the development of the Highland Spring freight facility (18/01191/FFL).

I can also confirm that Network Rail Infrastructure will reimburse Perth & Kinross Council for advertising costs associated with the promotion of the Order; up to but not exceeding £800.

Yours sincerely



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