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To: Secretary of State for Transport,
c/o Transport and Works Act Orders Unit,
General Counsel's Office,
Department for Transport,
Zone 1/18, Great Minster House,
33 Horseferry Road,
London SW1P 4DR.

RECORDED DELIVERY

Dear Sir,

Network Rail Anglia Level Crossing Reductions TWA Order
Transport and Works Act 1992
NETWORK RAIL (CAMBRIDGESHIRE LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION) ORDER
Application by Network Rail to the Secretary of State for Transport under Section 6 of the
Transport and Works Act for an Order under Sections 1 and 5 of that Act.
REPRESENTATION OF SUPPORT – SUPPLEMENTARY EVIDENCE

We wrote to you with our Representation of Support on 10 April 2017. In the APPENDIX sent with that letter we posed the question: “Nowhere – or somewhere – where next?”

Exactly one month on, we have had the answer to our question. Twice.

We set out below media coverage of two further level crossing incidents on the route over which King's Lynn-King's Cross Fen Line trains operate. We again acknowledge that these are high profile locations and that the current proposals are for minor crossings, but, as we said before, death, injury and delay know no such distinction.



Ely Station level crossing Thursday 20 April 2017 Ely Standard/Robbins

Ely Standard Thursday 20 April 2017 'Ely Standard reader captures the moment lorry hit barrier and caused road and rail chaos in the city today'

<http://www.elystandard.co.uk/news/ely-standard-reader-captures-the-moment-lorry-hit-barrier-and-caused-road-and-rail-chaos-in-the-city-today-1-4984136>

"Road and rail commuters were delayed today after lorry failed to clear a crossing at Ely today and became stuck. ... No one was hurt but it took some time for the road – and rail – network to be restored. ... Another [person] insisted the driver didn't 'over shoot' the crossing. 'He tried to cross without there being sufficient space for his vehicle on the far side,' he said."

Cambridge News Sunday 7 May 2017

'Police investigation launched after driver allegedly seen dicing with death at Foxton level crossing'

<http://www.cambridge-news.co.uk/news/cambridge-news/foxton-level-crossing-breach-police-12996937>



*Foxton level crossing on the A10, where the incident of dangerous driving allegedly took place
Cambridge News*

"An investigation has been launched by officers from British Transport Police after a driver allegedly risked their life by driving through closing train barriers at Foxton level crossing. The incident is believed to have taken place on **April 30**, at approximately 3pm. British Transport Police are investigating 'an incident of dangerous driving' after a driver allegedly overtook another stationary car waiting at the red lights of the crossing, where a 'stop' line is clearly visible. Officers say the driver then passed over the level crossing as the barriers were lowering. ... 'We have sent the driver a Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP) and have begun legal proceedings using legislation from the Road Traffic Act.'"

We REQUEST the Secretary of State take into account this supplementary evidence, submitted to add to our case for SUPPORTING the proposed Order.

Yours faithfully,

Andy Tyler
Secretary

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