Anglia

Level Crossing Proposals



S22 – Weatherby Newmarket Parish – Permissive Footpath

Network Rail has been working hard to better manage its level crossings and the risks they pose, and has developed proposals for the possible closure or change to public rights of way at over 130 of its level crossings in Anglia. Closing or modifying level crossings can help to bring about a number of benefits:

- Improve the safety of level crossing users
- Deliver a more efficient and reliable railway, which is vital in supporting the regional and UK economy
- Reduce the ongoing operating and maintenance cost of the railway
- Reduce delays to trains, pedestrians and other highway users
- Improve journey time reliability for all railways, highway and other rights of way users



The level crossings in this initial phase of the Anglia Level Crossing Reduction Strategy do not include any new bridges or underpasses, and offer benefits which are currently affordable and deliverable.

Weatherby is one of the level crossings in Suffolk County. It is located in Newmarket Parish and has the postcode CB8 8BT. This is a stop, look and listen level crossing where the user has to decide whether it is safe to cross. The crossing is a permissive footpath – ie no definitive public rights of way exist at this location. The railway at this crossing carries passenger and freight trains. A photograph of the crossing is shown above.

Our proposed change: Is to close the level crossing to all users. To cross the railway the following is currently proposed (shown on the drawing overleaf):

Red Route - Users would need to cross the railway by using the railway underpass at The Avenue/New Cheveley Road to the west. This means walking along the existing footways along The Avenue, New Cheveley Road, Green Road and Granary Road.

This summary sheet and a questionnaire are available at the public exhibitions and on the project website at: **www.networkrail.co.uk/anglialevelcrossings**. Please complete the separate questionnaire using the level crossing identification number **S22** and your feedback will be considered before the proposals are finalised.

To contact our team, please email us at: **anglialevelcrossings@networkrail.co.uk** or phone the helpline: **03457 11 41 41.** We thank you for your time and providing your comments on the Anglia Level Crossing Proposals.

