

APPENDIX 3

Network Rail – support the closure of the at-grade crossing, preference for proposal A;

Utility Companies – no objection to any proposal;

Local residents responding to site notices – 1) supports closure of at-grade crossing and proposal A; 2) supports closure of at-grade crossing and proposal B x 2; supports closure of at-grade crossing with preference for proposal A, concerns about vandalism and anti-social behaviour on new bridge requesting CCTV cameras and improved policing;

West Berkshire Liaison Group on Disability – objection to extinguishments of at-grade crossing until provision of a bridge that does not preclude pushchairs and wheelchairs;

Cycling groups -1) Spokes objection to extinguishment of at-grade crossing until there is a suitable alternative available for cyclists, i.e. a ramped bridge;
2) Request for cycle friendly bridge ASAP;
3) no objection, preference for proposal A;

Local British Horse Society, and 2 local horse riders – objection to extinguishments of at-grade crossing until there is a firm commitment by the Council to provide a definitive bridleway link to the east, south of the railway to prevent the “dead-end” route for equestrians which is currently proposed. If at-grade crossing is retained, north-south link between Urquart Road and the crossing should be given bridleway status;

Enterprise Hub Director, New Greenham Park Ltd. – long term plans to promote BR 18 as a commuting route to/from Greenham Park. Objects to closure of at-grade crossing until a cycleable bridge is put in place;

Berkshire Area Ramblers’ Association – objects to extinguishments of at-grade crossing unless the crossing of the bridge and the “footpath link” from the north side of the bridge to the existing route is made definitive, i.e. is added to the definitive map of public rights of way. Preference for proposal B if the above can be attained and for a definitive bridleway link to the east, south of the railway;

Thatcham Town Council – initial consultation - informal view of Members is support for extinguishments of at-grade crossing and proposal A; consultation on final report – concur with recommendation (see Appendix 8)