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Our reference: DCL 67m 40c - DCL 67m 78c

Dear Neighbour,

Level Crossing closures - Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane level crossings

Network Rail is looking to close both public road level crossings at Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane. We are now working with the local authority and other stakeholders to progress these closures, so we wanted to share some information with you about our plans for the area.

There have been a number of incidents of misuse at both Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane, so as part of a national programme, Network Rail is looking to close all level crossings where there is a high-risk of incidents or fatalities occurring.

Yarnton Lane level crossing – DCL 67m 40c

At Yarnton Lane, a stepped footbridge is proposed to provide access for pedestrians across the railway. An alternative access road is planned for those properties on the eastern side of the railway by re-surfacing the existing “green” lane” towards Kidlington and creating a new connection to join up with the A44 Woodstock Road. This new road would be single track, “access-only” with passing places big enough for any necessary large vehicles, such as refuse lorries and emergency vehicles, to pass safely.

Sandy Lane level crossing – DCL 67m 78c

Sandy Lane bisects the railway line on a fast, straight section of track between Oxford and Banbury from a tight bend in the road which makes it a particularly high-risk level crossing. At this location, a ramped pedestrian footbridge and cycle bridge is proposed; there will no longer be access for vehicles.

In the near future, we plan to hold an on-line “drop-in” session to provide more information on the proposals and get feedback from local residents.

I hope this information is helpful. If you have questions or concerns about these proposals, please call our dedicated 24-hour National Helpline on: 03457 11 41 41 or visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus

For more information about living by the railway, please visit <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/communities/living-by-the-railway/>.

Yours faithfully,



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Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane Level Crossings

July 2020

Hi everyone,

As you will know Network Rail is proposing to close both Yarnton Lane and Sandy Lane level crossings.

The problem

The two crossings are relatively close to one another on a straight section of track between Oxford and Banbury. As part of the Oxford phase 0, 1 and 2 work, we want to increase line speeds for passenger and freight trains. Furthermore, as a national programme we are looking to close level crossings where there is high risk of incidents or fatalities occurring.

To reduce this risk Network Rail will be closing the crossings and installing pedestrian footbridges, which will also be able to accommodate cyclists.

We are currently still developing both proposals, before submitting a planning application. As soon as more information is available we will come and talk to the local communities affected by these closures. We do however, have some footbridges that we have built in the last few years which give an indication of what we are proposing to build at these locations.

Yarnton Lane

Image shows what the bridge could look like



Benefits

Yarnton Lane Level Crossing

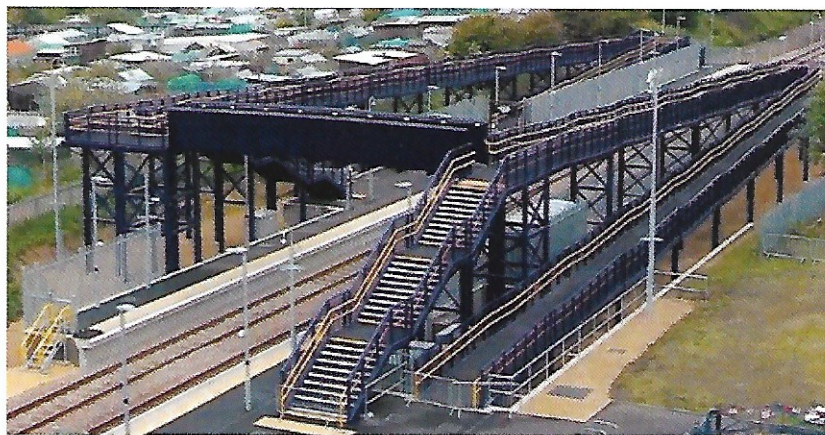
- Safer for public to cross the railway
- No barrier down time, quicker crossing time
- In keeping with the rural aesthetics
- Stepped footbridge

Sandy Lane Level Crossing

- Safer for public to cross the railway
- No barrier down time, quicker crossing time
- In keeping with the rural aesthetics
- Ramped footbridge, access for all
- Closing very high-risk level crossing

Sandy Lane

Image shows what the bridge could look like



The final shape and colour of the bridges is still to be determined.