



LEVEL CROSSINGS ACT 1983

THE NETWORK RAIL CHERRY WILLINGHAM LEVEL CROSSING ORDER 2023

Made on 26 September 2023. Coming into force on 26 September 2023.

The Secretary of State for Transport, having been requested by Network Rail Infrastructure Limited (“the operator”) to make an Order under section 1 of the Level Crossings Act 1983¹ (“the Act”) makes the following Order in exercise of his powers under the Act and of all other enabling powers, in accordance with the draft Order which accompanied the request subject to those modifications the Secretary of State thought fit to make.

1. This Order may be cited as the Network Rail Cherry Willingham Level Crossing Order 2023 and shall come into force on 26 September 2023.
2. In this Order:
 - a. "the carriageway" means the carriageway of the specified road, "the crossing" means the level crossing described in Schedule 1 to this Order, "the 2016 Regulations" means the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016², "the specified road" means the road which crosses the railway at the crossing;
 - b. the expressions "left-hand side" and "right-hand side" shall be construed as they would appear to a person approaching the crossing along the specified road.
3. The following provisions, being provisions which in the opinion of the Secretary of State are necessary or expedient for the safety or convenience of those using the crossing, apply in respect of the crossing:
 - a. the operator shall provide, operate and maintain the protective equipment which is specified in Part 1 of Schedule 2 to this Order;
 - b. the operator shall observe the conditions and requirements specified in Part 2 of Schedule 2 to this Order;
 - c. the local traffic authority shall provide and maintain the protective equipment specified in Part 1 of Schedule 3 to this Order; and
 - d. the local traffic authority shall observe the conditions and requirements specified in Part 2 of Schedule 3 to this Order.

¹ 1983 c.16

² SI 2016 No.362

4. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016² shall apply to any traffic sign specified in Schedule 3 to this Order as they would to a sign caused or permitted to be placed by a highway authority.

5. The British Railways Board (Market Rasen Branch Railway) (Cherry Willingham Level Crossing) Order 1965 and the British Railways Board (Market Rasen Branch Railway) (Cherry Willingham Level Crossing) (Amendment No.7) Order 1990 are revoked.

Signed by authority of the Secretary of State on 26 September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Wake', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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Office of Rail and Road

SCHEDULE 1

The crossing

The level crossing known as Cherry Willingham, where Croft Lane is crossed by the railway between Market Rasen and Lincoln Central Stations.

At National Grid Reference TF 031 728.

The local traffic authority at the time of making this Order is Lincolnshire County Council.

SCHEDULE 2, PART 1

Article 3a of the Order - particulars of protective equipment provided by the operator

1. A lifting barrier shall be pivoted as close to the railway as practicable on the left-hand side of the specified road on each side of the railway.
2. When lowered the barriers shall be as nearly horizontal as possible, as nearly as possible at right angles to the centre line of the carriageway and shall extend across the left-hand side of the carriageway and the footway. The tip of each barrier shall extend to a point within 450 millimetres of the centre of the carriageway and a clear exit at least 3 metres wide shall be left between the tip of the barrier and the right-hand side edge of the carriageway.
3. When lowered, the tops of the barriers shall be at least 900 millimetres above the road surface at the centre of the carriageway. The clearance between the bottom edge of the lowered barrier and the road surface at the centre of the carriageway shall not exceed 1000 millimetres.
4. When in the fully raised position, the barriers shall be inclined towards the carriageway at an angle of between 5 and 10 degrees from the vertical. No part of any barrier or of any attachment thereto which is less than 5 metres above the level of the carriageway shall be horizontally displaced from the nearer edge of the carriageway by less than 450 millimetres, and no part of any barrier or of any attachment thereto which is less than 2 metres above the level of the footway shall be horizontally displaced from that edge of the footway furthest from the carriageway by less than 150 millimetres.
5. The barriers shall be as light as possible but shall also be strong enough to prevent foreseeable distortion or fracture likely to be caused by wind pressure.
6. The barriers shall display on both front and rear faces alternate red and white bands each approximately 600 millimetres long to the full depth of the barriers. A strip of retro-reflective material not less than 50 millimetres deep shall be provided along the full length of each band. The retro-reflective material shall be coloured the same as the band on which it is placed.
7. Suitable guards or other protection shall be provided for each barrier machine to prevent danger to persons from the operating mechanism and moving parts of the machine.
8. Two electric lights, to a suitable recognised standard, shall be fitted to each barrier, one within 150 millimetres of its tip and the other near its centre. When illuminated the lights shall show a red light in each direction along the carriageway, clearly indicating the position of the barriers.

9. A traffic light signal of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 3014 in the Regulations shall be provided on the left-hand side of the carriageway on each approach to the crossing along the specified road and as close as practicable to the barrier. There shall be an additional traffic light signal of the same type on the right-hand side of the specified road on each side of the railway located either in line with, or on the railway side of, the vehicular stop line mentioned below. The lights of the traffic light signals shall be provided with hoods to reduce the effect of sunlight glare. The traffic light signals on each side of the railway shall be positioned to face outwards from the crossing towards approaching road traffic. All the signals shall be capable of directional adjustment.
10. A pedestrian light signal of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 4006 in the Regulations shall be provided on the right-hand side traffic light signal post on each side of the railway and shall face outwards from the crossing towards approaching pedestrians.
11. An audible warning device for pedestrians shall be provided on or adjacent to each left-hand side traffic light signal post. These devices shall be capable of volume adjustment to suit local requirements.
12. A vehicular stop line of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1001 in the Regulations shall be provided across the left-hand side of the carriageway on each side of the railway not more than 2.5 metres before the left-hand side traffic light signal.
13. A pedestrian give way line of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1003.2 in the Regulations shall be provided across the right-hand side of the carriageway and any footway on both sides of the railway. The line shall be not less than 1 metre before the traffic light signal on the same side of the carriageway, not nearer than 2 metres to the running edge of the nearest rail, and shall be as nearly as possible at right angles to the centre line of the carriageway.
14. Where the specified road passes over the crossing, edge of carriageway markings of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1012.1 in the Regulations shall be provided along each side of each footway.
15. The centre line of the carriageway shall be marked on the crossing between the vehicular stop lines with a double continuous line road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1013.1A in the Regulations.
16. A traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 775 in the Regulations shall be provided on each side of the specified road on each side of the railway, mounted below or adjacent to the traffic light signal, and shall face outwards from the crossing towards approaching road traffic.
17. A traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 777 in the Regulations shall be provided on or adjacent to the right-hand side traffic light signal post on each side of the railway and shall face drivers of vehicles halted at the stop line.
18. A telephone, linked to the signalling centre and for use by members of the public, shall be provided in a suitable position on each side of the railway. The position of the telephones shall be clearly marked by traffic signs of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 787 in the Regulations. Suitable notices giving instructions to users shall be provided and maintained adjacent to the telephones and shall be legible at all times.

19. Facilities shall be provided at the crossing to operate the barriers and other protective equipment.
20. Any lighting which is provided at the crossing shall be at least to the same standard as the lighting of the carriageway on the approaches to the crossing.
21. Two independent power supplies shall be provided at the crossing, one of which may consist of standby batteries of sufficient capacity to operate the whole installation for 12 hours.
22. Cattle-cum-trespass guards of standard railway design shall be provided adjacent to both sides of the crossing surface. The guards shall extend the full distance between the fences on each side of the railway.
23. A tactile threshold of a type specified in published guidance shall be provided in each footway approaching the crossing in an appropriate position.

SCHEDULE 2, PART 2

Article 3b of the Order - conditions and requirements to be observed by the operator

24. The surface of the carriageway and footways over the crossing shall be maintained in a good and even condition. The carriageway shall be approximately 6 metres wide and the footways approximately 1.9 metres wide on the western side of the carriageway and approximately 2 metres wide on the eastern side.
25. The vertical profile of the carriageway over the crossing shall be maintained and, with the co-operation of the local traffic authority, kept consistent with the surface of the carriageway on each approach to ensure that any hump within the longest wheelbase of vehicles which may foreseeably use the crossing shall not be more than 40 millimetres in excess of the 75 millimetres design maximum.
26. The barriers shall be kept in the fully raised position except during the time when any train passing along the railway has occasion to cross the specified road, or when it is necessary to lower the barriers for short periods for the purpose of maintenance or testing. The electric lights on each barrier shall be lit except when the barriers are fully raised.
27. Visual indicators and an audible alarm shall be provided in the controlling signalling centre. The visual indicators shall show:
 - a. the status of the main power supply;
 - b. whether the barriers are fully raised.
28. The audible alarm shall sound if:
 - a. the main power supply fails;
 - b. after a period of not more than 4 minutes from when the closure sequence begins, there is no indication that the barriers are fully raised.
29. As a train approaches the crossing, the sequence of events to close the crossing to road traffic shall automatically begin. The sequence shall be:
 - a. the amber lights shall show and the audible warning for pedestrians shall begin. The lights shall show for approximately 3 seconds;

- b. immediately the amber lights are extinguished the intermittent red lights and the pedestrian light signals shall show at the same time;
 - c. 4 to 6 seconds later the barriers shall begin to descend and shall take a further 6 to 10 seconds to reach the lowered position.
30. Not less than 28 seconds shall elapse between the time the amber lights first show and the time when the train reaches the crossing. Unless there is another train coming as described below, the barriers shall rise as soon as the train has passed over the crossing.
29. The red lights of the road traffic light signals and the pedestrian light signals shall continue to show and the audible warning shall continue to sound until the barriers have begun to rise.
30. The lights shall be extinguished and the audible warning shall stop before the barriers have risen to an angle of approximately 45 degrees above the horizontal.
31. Should the barriers and other protective equipment at the crossing be activated by another train so that less than 10 seconds, reckoned from the time the barriers begin to rise, can elapse before the sequence to close the crossing is due to begin again, the barriers shall remain lowered and the red lights of the road traffic light signals, the pedestrian light signals and the audible warning devices shall continue to operate. As soon as one train reaches the crossing, the character of the warning sound shall change distinctively. As soon as all trains which have activated the equipment at the crossing under the conditions of this paragraph have passed clear of the crossing, the barriers shall rise and the red lights, pedestrian light signals and the audible warning devices shall operate as previously described.
32. If either barrier fails to rise from the lowered position the red lights of the road traffic signals shall continue to show.
33. In the event of failure of both red lights in any of the road traffic signals when the red light should be shown, both barriers shall descend immediately (if not already lowered) and shall remain lowered.
34. Should a total power failure occur, both barriers shall descend under gravity or remain lowered as the case may be.
35. If, after the barriers have begun to lower, one barrier fails to reach the lowered position neither barrier shall rise until both have been fully lowered.
36. The operator shall periodically monitor the duration of closures of the crossing to road traffic, and shall take action to ensure that the closure times are normally such that 50 per cent of trains arrive at the crossing within 50 seconds of the commencement of the closure sequence, and 95 per cent arrive within 75 seconds.
37. The operator shall take the lead in developing with the local traffic authority an agreed long-term strategy regarding the use of the crossing and the safety and convenience of users of the crossing. The strategy, which shall be reviewed periodically, shall take into account: incidents at the crossing; anticipated changes in use; all costs and consequences of continued operation; and shall consider what measures might be necessary or practicable to permit the crossing to be closed to road traffic and pedestrians.

38. The operator shall make arrangements for the legibility and visibility of road signs and road markings relating to the crossing for approaching road traffic to be checked periodically, and to draw any deficiencies to the attention of the local traffic authority.

39. The operator shall maintain communication links with local emergency services.

40. The operator shall give notice in writing to the Secretary of State as soon as the provisions of Articles 3a, 3b and 3c have been met and shall request that the crossing be inspected as soon as possible thereafter.

SCHEDULE 3, PART 1

Article 3c of the Order - particulars of protective equipment provided by the local traffic authority

41. The centre line of the carriageway shall be marked for a distance of approximately 6 metres on the northern side of the railway and approximately 11 metres on the southern side measured along the centre of the carriageway from the vehicular stop lines with a double continuous line road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1013.1A in the Regulations. The centre line shall be continued for a distance of approximately 40 metres on the northern side of the railway and approximately 42 metres on the southern side measured along the centre of the carriageway from the ends of the double continuous lines with a double line road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1013.1D in the Regulations wherein the continuous line is on the left-hand side of the broken line.

42. At least one road marking of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 1014 in the Regulations shall be marked on the carriageway in an appropriate position on the approach side of the road markings described above.

43. Traffic signs of the size, colour and type shown in Diagrams 770 and 773 in the Regulations shall be provided together on the left-hand side of the carriageway on each approach to the crossing in a suitable position facing approaching traffic. Additional traffic signs of the size, colour and type shown in Diagrams 770 and 773 (permitted variant) in the Regulations shall be provided together on the left-hand side of Minster Drive, Ancaster Close and Rudgard Avenue in suitable positions facing approaching traffic.

44. A traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 784.1 in the Regulations shall be provided on the left-hand side of the specified road in a suitable position on each approach to the crossing. A traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 786 in the Regulations shall be provided adjacent to this sign and shall face traffic approaching the crossing. A further traffic sign of the size, colour and type shown in Diagram 786 in the Regulations shall be provided in a suitable position on the right-hand side of the carriageway on each side of the railway and shall face traffic leaving the crossing.

45. Guard rails shall be provided along the edge of the footways nearest the carriageway on each right-hand side approach to the crossing for a distance of approximately 7.6 metres on the northern side of the railway and approximately 3.3 metres on the southern side of the railway.

SCHEDULE 3, PART 2

Article 3d of the Order - conditions and requirements to be observed by the local traffic authority

46. The vertical profile and surface of the carriageway and footways approaching the crossing shall be maintained and, with the co-operation of the operator, kept consistent with the surface of the crossing and footways to ensure good and even passage of road traffic and pedestrians over the crossing.

47. Where a deficiency in visibility or legibility of a road traffic sign or road marking is identified by the operator, the local traffic authority shall take action to ensure that adequate visibility or legibility is restored.

48. The local traffic authority shall consult the operator before any traffic signs or other road equipment other than those specified in this Order are placed or caused to be placed on the road in the vicinity of the crossing.

49. The local traffic authority shall consult the operator when any significant permanent or temporary change occurs or is proposed which might affect to any significant extent the type, characteristic, likely behaviour or amount of road traffic using the crossing, or its ability freely to exit the crossing.

50. The local traffic authority shall take into account any records of incidents at or near the crossing made available by the operator in exercising its responsibilities in relation to the specified road in the vicinity of the crossing.

51. The local traffic authority shall periodically monitor the amount and characteristics of road traffic using the specified road and shall inform the operator where there is any significant change.

52. The local traffic authority shall co-operate with the operator in the preparation and periodic review of a long-term strategy in relation to the continued operation of the crossing.