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Please see Network Rail's response to the questions raised by the ExA in relation to discussions on the siting of the Paynes Lane footbridge.

Network Rail (NR) and the promoter are still in regular discussions relating to the NR concerns, including the Paynes Lane footbridge, and a template overbridge agreement has now been approved by the promoter. Meaning the specific details of the agreement can now be negotiated, including maximum/minimum height and width.

However, these details are still to be agreed, including confirmation from NRAP (Network Rail Assurance Panel) on issues of interoperability and that NR's initial assessment that the bridge is not 'significant' under the Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 402/2013 (the Regulations used for risk evaluation and assessment) is correct.

NR's initial assessment is on the proviso that other works proposed by the promoter, such as the proposed reprofiling of the railway embankment along plot 2/17g and possibly 2/17m, will not alter any NR assets which is still being analysed.

A typical turnaround time for NRAP is around 4 weeks. Therefore (taking into account Easter), NR hope to hear from them by early May.

Overhead line electrification experts have also been contacted to provide detail on the technical perspective of the proposed clearance for the Paynes Lane footbridge to the overhead electrical cables and nearest new OLE gantry as part of the Beaulieu station works. Their response is awaited and also anticipated by early May.