

Response to FOI request [REDACTED], dated 24 January 2022

Requests for information

1. Under the FOI Act could the council please tell me what contact they have had, either in person or in writing, with Network Rail, with regard to the Kit Hill development and the proposed closure of the passive crossing.

Responses

1. In person meetings with Network Rail regarding Kithill development and passive crossing

a) Representatives of Network Rail attended (remotely) a Full Council meeting on 22nd February 2021 (minute 187/2020-21).

b) Representatives of Network Rail gave a presentation (remotely) at the Planning and Highways meeting of 8th March 2021 (minute 103/2020-21).

c) There was then an in person meeting with representatives of Network Rail on 27th May 2021. I understand that this meeting took place on site at or near the crossing and was attended by:

- Town Councillor Mike Best
- Deputy Clerk Laura Gowers
- Asha Mehboob from Network Rail
- Damian Hajnus from Network Rail
- Julia Borland, West Crewkerne Parish Council Chair
- Town Councillor Kathy Head

2. Written correspondence between CTC and Network Rail

- Email correspondence dated 23.10.20, 12.11.2020, 16.11.2020, 30.11.2020, 03.12.2020, 04.12.2020, 15.02.2021, 17.02.2021 dealing with a request from Network Rail to attend a P&H or Full Council meeting. A further email of 22.02.2021 was received from Network Rail with a map attachment for councillors to view ahead of the meeting of the same date.
- Email correspondence dated 24.02.21, 05.03.21 and 08.03.21 relating to the arrangements for Network Rail to attend the March 2021 meeting.
- Email correspondence received from Network Rail 18.02.2021 regarding Network Rail's proposed plans for the crossing, and a follow up email of 16.03.2021 offering a site meeting. Further email correspondence dated 16.03.2021, 17.03.21, 08.04.21, 29.04.2021, 30.04.2021, 27.04.202, 03.05.21, 17.05.21 and 27.05.21 to make arrangements for the site meeting, which eventually took place on 27.05.2021 (details above). Email post-meeting on 27.05.21.
- Email received 04.06.21 confirming that queries of 27.05.21 were forwarded to the Level Crossing Manager for a response.
- Email requesting confirmation of Daniel's last name on 07.06.21 and 08.06.21