

**FAO – Development Management**

**Ref – CW5/1116/71**

**Proposal – Restoration of former colliery lagoons and settlement ponds to agriculture and nature conservation**

**Location – Land at former Creswell Colliery Lagoons Frithwood Lane, Creswell**

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the above application.

Network Rail places a holding objection on the application until a solution regarding the bridge is achieved.

Further to our previous comments our Liabilities team have confirmed that the bridge (PSE/62 Frithwood Lane Overline bridge) was provided to accommodate a public highway that was severed by the construction of the railway in the late 1860s and as such the bridge structure is believed to be owned by Network Rail as successors in title.

We need to ensure that the bridge is able to take the proposed loadings before we can remove our objection to the application requiring a thorough assessment of the structure. There is a need to establish whether the bridge has sufficient load capacity for the vehicles proposed, review vehicle containment measures on the bridge/approaches and improve the surfacing to facilitate the volume of vehicles. Until a full inspection of the bridge has been made then we are unable to advise if the bridge is able to take the volume of lorries and loads proposed.

Our asset protection team has contacted the developer to establish their full usage of the bridge and we will look to converse with them directly to establish the condition and any upgrades required to the bridge prior to the development going ahead.

In terms of the drainage and our earlier request for Robust conditions. I would suggest that a condition requiring the Developer to : Submit a full drainage strategy and Method Statement, including impacts upon the railway to be submitted prior to commencement on site for approval by the local authority.

The reason being ensuring the safety of the railway.



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