

Dear Sir / Madam

Thank you for consulting Network Rail on the Asfordby Neighbourhood Plan.

Network Rail wishes to raise a concern over the Policies Map for Asfordby Valley and Asfordby Hill (Page 62) and the wider map for the whole of the Asfordby Parish (Page 60).

These maps allocate a section of the test track, located to the North of Asfordby Hill, between the 2 business areas as a "nature conservation area". It is assumed that this is taken from the 1999 local plan?

However the current local plan which is under consultation does not allocate this area of land as such.

The current local plan allocates the test track as part of the wider area of the Welby Mine site which is allocated as a "candidate / potential local wildlife site".

Network Rail will be making separate allocations on the Melton Local plan.

However we would ask that the Nature Conservation area along this test track is removed and updated to reflect the emerging local plan as Network Rail would not support the allocation of the track for Nature conservation given its status as a working test track which is of upmost importance to the railway industry.

If you require any further comments / advice please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards  
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