

**KENT COUNTY COUNCIL SECTION 118A – HIGHWAYS ACT 1980  
PUBLIC FOOTPATH CW80 & CWX40, WHITSTABLE  
GLEBE WAY LEVEL CROSSING  
RAIL CROSSING EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2018  
PINS REFERENCE: ROW/3226477**

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**NOTE OF NETWORK RAIL ON SOTERA CENSUS FOR GLEBE CROSSING (RESPONDING  
TO Mr. D KEATES EiC: 01.10.20)**

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1. Mr. Keate's (EiC) remarked at not seeing "footage" or photographs of pedestrian usage of Glebe Way LC, as captured in the Sotera census 2020.
2. There has been no video footage taken of any user of the LC as part of the Census.
3. On completion of the 9-day census, both the Sotera report and all supporting data was forwarded to Network Rail. This included photographs showing all public uses of the Crossing over the 9 days. I re-confirm that I have seen and carefully reviewed all photographs provided and before producing my NRA.
4. When formulating the NRA, I subsequently filtered specific and representative stills as to focus on all different user types, including all dog walkers. There was no requirement for me to consider kinetic images in order for me to perform my assessment adequately.
5. From the photographs alone, I ordinarily am able to identify key user groups within the "vulnerable" category, including the (broadly) elderly who are vulnerable, children (for example only, wearing hoodies, or using mobile phones), the encumbered (carrying equipment, etc.) and dog walkers. Photographs also allowed me in all cases to ultimately make a judgment on how to classify a given user of the Crossing. Some of the key characteristics which can be derived from photographs are, again by way of example only, signs of reduced mobility (e.g. the use of walking aids, stooping or unsteady posture), the orientation of a user (e.g. if they are looking backwards or upwards whilst on the crossing deck). Safe use and degree of vulnerability of dog walkers can be derived from observing, amongst other things, the distance between them and the dog, the location of the dog, and the presence and length of a leash or number of dogs walked by a single person when crossing.
6. I also confirm that all photographs were separately been reviewed by Mr. D. Furness, Route Level Crossing Manager, as part of my team, whose duties include reviewing and authorising the NRA prior to its issue. He provided oversight. The filtered photos that I had considered were also discussed at length between Mr. Furness and I, to identify some representative examples of some use, included within the 2020 NRA. It is never the format of the NRA to include all or even many of the photographs assessed.
7. Both Mr. Furness, as part of the wider Level Crossing team, carried out his check of the final draft NRA to offer any observations in case it was not considered representative of the photographs. No such observations were made. Mr. Furness duly approved the 2020 NRA, as submitted.

**G. Kent, Network Rail  
01.10.20**