

Dear Sir

Our attention has been drawn to the Consultation. We understand that within this Consultation there is an intention to consider removal of the prescriptive requirement to fence the railway on the basis that this is now part of Network Rail's management of risk. On behalf of the Badminton Estate which has a large section of railway running through the Estate, we strongly object to any change in legislation that would remove the Network Rail's prescriptive requirement to fence the railway.

We understand that this stance will support that made by the NFU across the wider country.

It is difficult enough to ensure that Network Rail comply with their existing fencing obligations and therefore any softening in this approach should be avoided.

If you require any further information from me please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Regards
Jonathan Bury