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To – Gonville & Caius College & Members of the Public

Access from Ditton Meadows for Ground investigation Surveys

This letter has been prepared to explain why our contactors need to have access over Ditton Meadows on the southern side of the railway bridge that spans the River Cam between 20 and 25 July 2015.

These Ground Investigation works are part of the new passenger railway station project on the north side of the bridge, at the former Chesterton Sidings site and a result of early track surveys have identified that the existing embankment on the southern approach to the bridge is showing the early signs of failure and need to be stabilised.

We are proposing to install a series of piles into the ground from the top of the embankment to counteract any future significant movement. But in order to do this our designers need to understand the composition and relative depths of the underlying ground.

Because safety is Network Rails' first priority when carrying out any work near to the operational railway and the lack of any direct access to the embankment from the track, we have approached Gonville and Caius College for permission to use the existing vehicle route over Ditton Meadows to reach the base of the rail embankment slope.

Subject to weather conditions, that might make the access route difficult to negotiate, our contractors are intending to bring 2 no. vehicles onto Ditton Meadows, during the week commencing Monday 20 July. These vehicles will carry all of the equipment and materials required to record the composition of the ground. This detailed information will then allow our designers to specify the size and type of concrete piles that will be need to be installed into the embankment from the track in the near future.

I hope the above gives you a better understanding of why Network Rail contractors are temporarily using Ditton Meadows to reach the railway embankment and the need to carry out this particular survey work in order to maintain the safety and performance of this section of track.

We apologise for any disturbance that these activities may cause and are grateful for the Colleges' co-operation in allowing us temporary access via Ditton Meadows.

If you have any additional questions or concerns about these particular works, please visit www.networkrail.co.uk/contactus or telephone our **24-Hour National Helpline on 03457 11 41 41**.

Yours sincerely

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