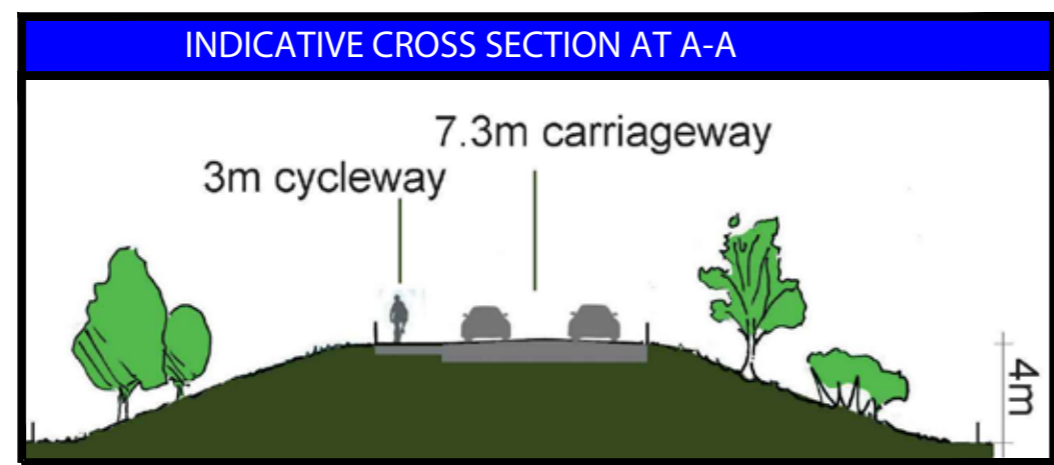
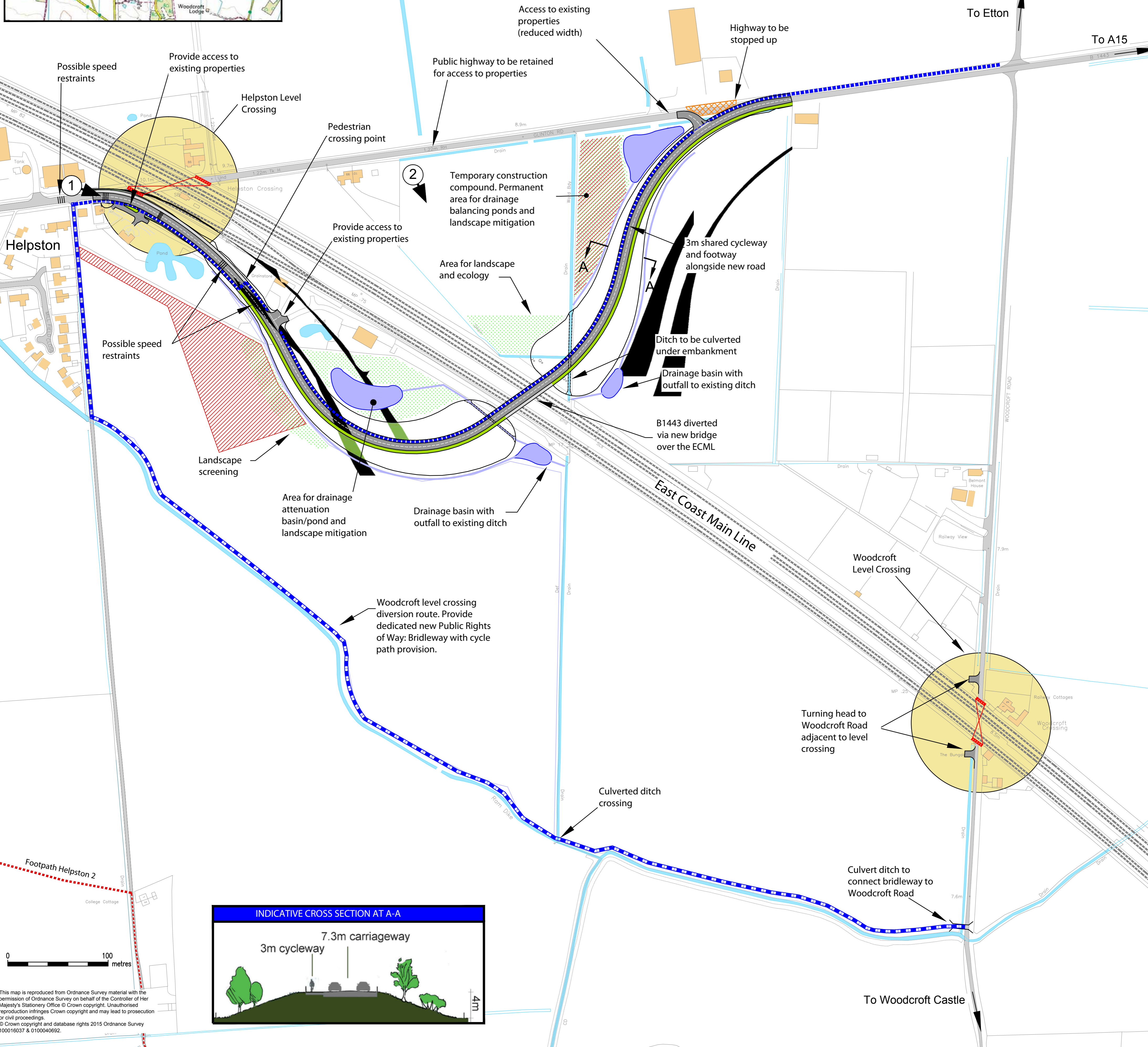


PLAN 1



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OVERVIEW

Helpston and Woodcroft are public highway level crossings on the East Coast Main Line. It is proposed to close both level crossings on the East Coast Main Line (ECML). We recognise Helpston level crossing is a vital link road serving the Helpston community and propose to provide a new bridge over the ECML to preserve existing highway links for all users.

Woodcroft public highway (unclassified) level crossing forms part of the Peterborough Green Wheel (Region Route 21) cycle network. We are seeking to close Woodcroft crossing and provide an alternative route for the Peterborough Greenwheel cycle network.

Access to the railway at the level crossing will be prevented with the provision of new fencing. Locked access may be retained for Network Rail and emergency access.

Preferred option shown is illustrative and for consultation purposes only.

Preferred Option

Close Helpston crossing and construct a new highway bridge approximately 250m south of the existing crossing to minimise the length of diversion. The new bridge will include a 3m wide footway/cycleway shared surface providing a segregated route to the east of Helpston.

Close Woodcroft crossing and divert users of the Peterborough Greenwheel cycle network via Helpston bridge and a dedicated new public bridleway/cycle path between Glington Road and Woodcroft Road.

Existing route between start and end of diversion = 850metres.
Proposed diversion route = 2.5km.

An indicative level of temporary construction traffic is likely to average 30 to 40 vehicles per day over the period of construction.

KEY

- Existing level crossing to be closed
- Proposed landscaped earthworks
- Proposed new carriageway
- Proposed footway/cycleway
- Proposed grassed highway verge
- Existing road to be stopped-up
- Proposed Woodcroft and Peterborough Greenwheel cycle diversion route over Public Highway.
- Proposed Woodcroft diversion route over new dedicated Public Right of Way: Bridleway and cycle route
- Indicative temporary construction compound area
- Landscaped screening and Ecology mitigation area
- Visualisation view point

Woodcroft Level Crossing User Census - March/April 2014

User	Average Weekday Daily Users	Average Weekend Daily Users
Vehicles	32	41
Cyclists	5	35
Horse Riders	1	3
Pedestrians	0	6

Helpston Level Crossing User Census - March/April 2014

User	Average Weekday Daily Users	Average Weekend Daily Users
Vehicles	3082	2488
Cyclists	114	111
Horse Riders	0	0
Pedestrians	23	27

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