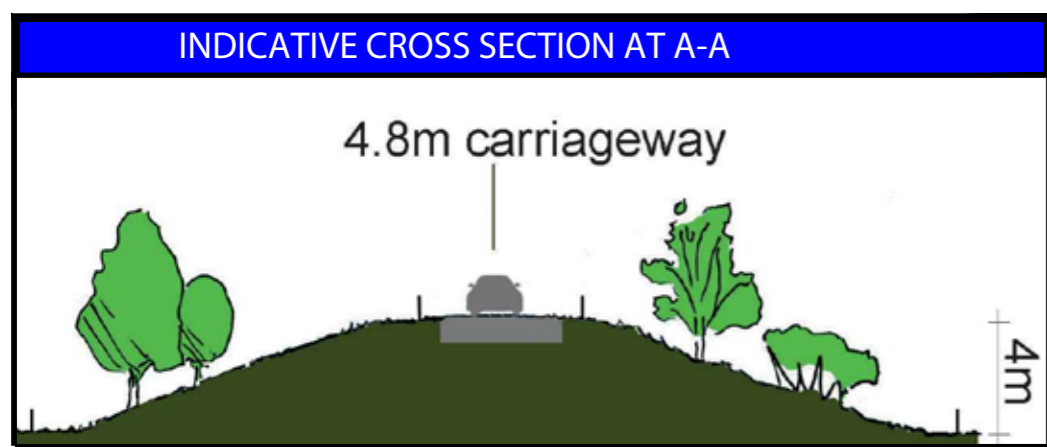
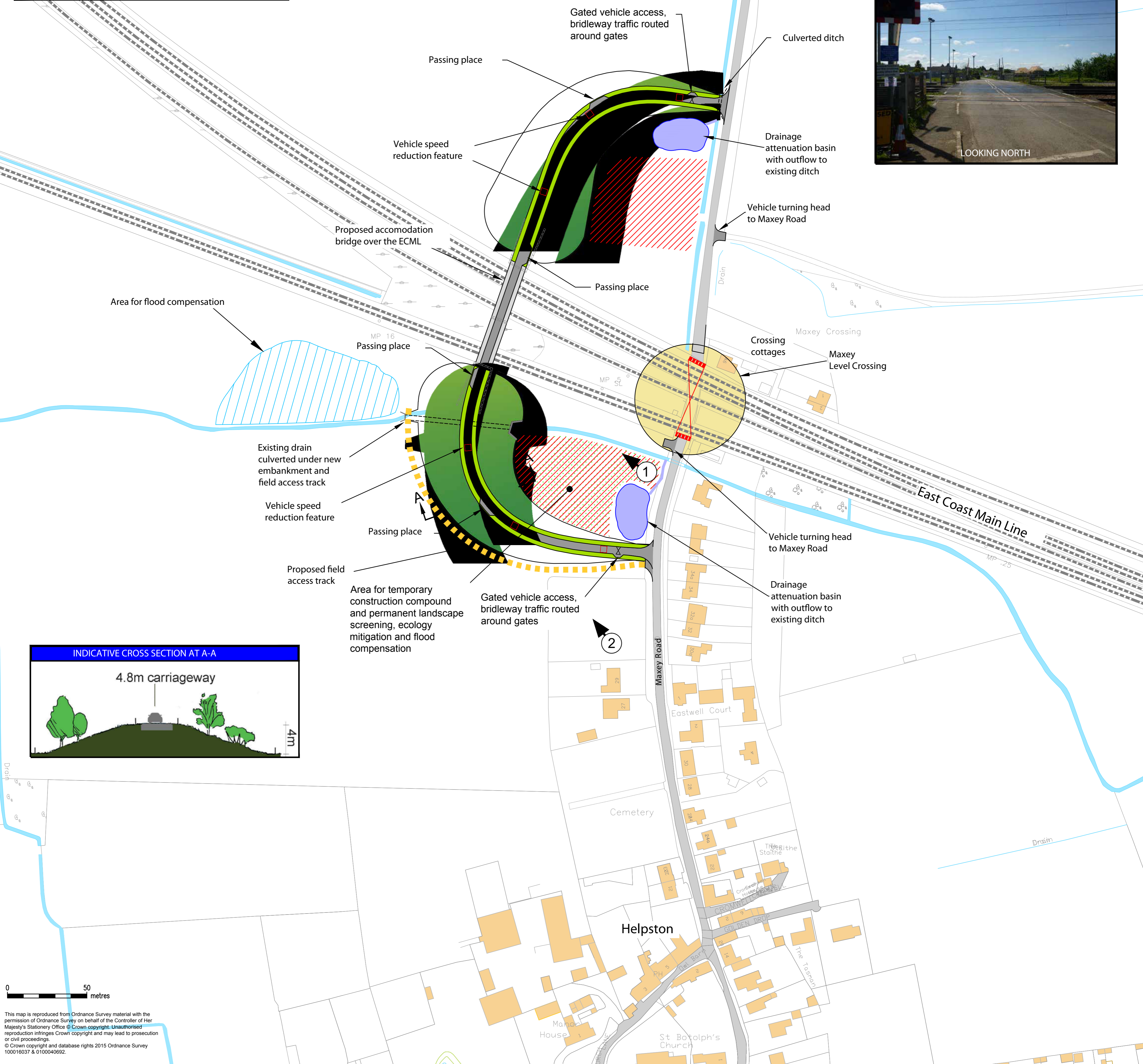


## PLAN 2



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**OVERVIEW**

This is currently a public highway level crossing. We are seeking to close this level crossing on the East Coast Main Line (ECML). We recognise full closure of this crossing will sever access between Helpston and Crossing Cottages, and the wider countryside to the north, so we propose to provide a new brideway bridge crossing over the ECML with limited vehicle access rights for essential users only.

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 this crossing to all traffic and replace it with a brideway bridge approximately 100m west of the existing crossing for brideway users and authorised vehicle access from Helpston to the Crossing Cottages, and agricultural land immediately to the north of the crossing.

All other motor vehicle traffic to follow diversion routes via existing public highway and new bridge crossings at Helpston and Tallington.

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

**KEY**

	Existing level crossing to be closed		Indicative construction compound area
	Proposed landscaped earthworks		Proposed drainage features
	Proposed new carriageway		Landscaped screening and Ecology mitigation area
	Proposed grassed highway verge		Visualisation view point
	Proposed alternative farm access		
	Speed reduction feature		

Maxey Level Crossing User Census - March/April 2014

User	Average Weekday Daily Users	Average Weekend Daily Users
Vehicles	502	381
Cyclists	17	52
Horse Riders	0	0
Pedestrians	8	9

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