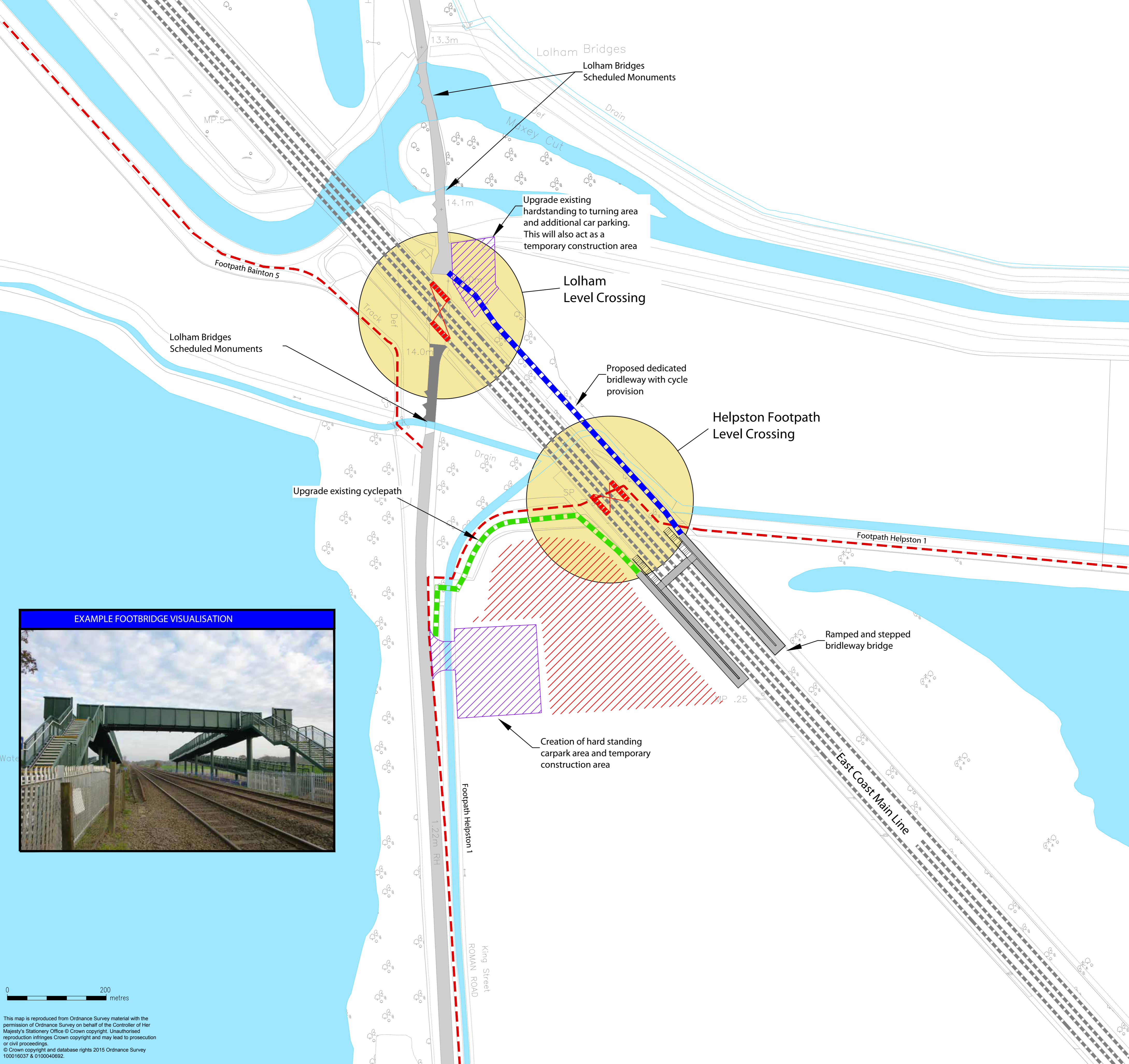


PLAN 3



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OVERVIEW

It is proposed to close Lolham public highway (unclassified) level crossing and Helpston Footpath public footpath on the East Coast Main Line (ECML). Lolham crossing is located adjacent to a number of Scheduled Monument highway bridges over Maxey Cut. We are keen to preserve the historic character of these structures and minimise the impact of any new bridge structure over the ECML in this location.

We propose to provide a new brideway bridge over the ECML at Helpston Footpath crossing to preserve recreational access with additional vehicle turning and car parking provision both sides of the crossing. Vehicle diversion routes will be implemented via new road bridges at Tallington and Helpston.

Access to the railway at the level crossings will be prevented with 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 Lolham and Helpston Footpath crossings to all traffic and construct new stepped and ramped pedestrian/cycle footbridge over the ECML at Helpston Footpath crossing.

Provide a new brideway/cycleway link from Lolham to new bridge crossing over the ECML at Helpston Footpath.

Vehicle users to follow local diversion routes via existing public highway and new bridge crossings at Tallington and Helpston.

An indicative level of temporary construction is likely to average 10 to 20 vehicles per day over the period of construction.

KEY

- Existing level crossing to be closed
- Proposed brideway/cycle route
- Upgraded existing footpath to brideway
- Existing footpath
- Indicative construction compound area
- Proposed car parking area on hard standing/temporary construction compound

Lolham Level Crossing User Census - March/April 2014		
User	Average Weekday Daily Users	Average Weekend Daily Users
Vehicles	1724	1248
Cyclists	40	90
Horse Riders	0	1
Pedestrians	2	10

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