

**THE MORAY COUNCIL
(C54H CROOKSMILL TO MULDEARIE ROAD (AT ROSARIE LEVEL CROSSING)
- STOPPING UP) ORDER 2018**

Moray Council proposes to make the above Order under Section 68(1) of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984. The effect of the Order will be to “stop up” the C54H Crooksmill to Muldearie Road, Keith at Rosarie Level Crossing from a point 263 metres or thereby in a north westerly direction from its junction with the A95 Mulben to Keith Road for a distance of 8 metres or thereby in a northerly direction all as specified in the Schedule and shown on the plan annexed to the Order.

STATEMENT OF REASONS

The “Stopping Up” Order is being promoted at the request of Network Rail.

Rosarie level crossing is of the Automatic Open Crossing Remotely Monitored (AOCR) type, and is the last such crossing on the national rail network.

All others were removed or upgraded after a serious accident at the AOCR crossing at Lockington in 1986. The protective measures at AOCRs are road traffic signals and audible warnings activated by the approaching train, signs and carriageway markings. There are no crossing barriers, and once the crossing is activated, a train is unlikely to be able to stop before reaching it.

The Office of Rail and Road has instructed Network Rail to either improve the crossing or remove it. Due to the existing layout of the crossing and connecting road network, any improvements are not deemed to be reasonably practicable as an alternative route already exists.

Over the years, there have been a number of incidents at Rosarie level crossing that have only served to highlight the risks of this type of crossing.

Historically, the creation of two optional alternative routes have been explored by Moray Council but neither was suitable.

Due to the layout of Rosarie level crossing, some ScotRail drivers, following intervention of the rail unions, are reducing the speed of the trains in its vicinity to reduce the likelihood of conflicts with motor vehicles and this is having a direct effect on the reliability of the Inverness to Aberdeen train service.

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(C54H CROOKSMILL TO MULDEARIE ROAD (AT ROSARIE LEVEL CROSSING)
- STOPPING UP) ORDER 2023****SCHEDULE****ROAD TO BE STOPPED UP**

ROAD	
C54H Crooksmill to Muldearie Road, Keith	At Rosarie Level Crossing from a point 260 metres or thereby in a north westerly direction from its junction with the A95 Mulben to Keith Road for a distance of 16 metres or thereby in a northerly direction.