



## Information Resilience and Transparency

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Date: 13 June 2018

Dear Mr Mills

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, relating to Westebere Public Footpath. I am pleased to provide the response below:

**1. State the reasons why this work was needed.**

The crossing was formally relocated in 2016 following the confirmation of a rail crossing diversion order by the County Council. (Copies attached) The Order was made on the grounds of safety.

**2. What public consultation was undertaken to inform this need?**

Network Rail have an ongoing programme of improvements to rail crossings. The improvements are identified through safety audit by Network Rail. Full detail of the assessment work undertaken should be sought from Network Rail. All Public Path Orders are subject to formal consultation and notification including advertising on site and in the local press (Kent Messenger). In the case of this Order informal consultation was also undertaken with stakeholders and Network Rail held a public meeting to seek views on the proposed change prior to the County Council making the Order.

**3. A breakdown of expenditure of the works to date, including details of all parties contracted.**

The works were undertaken by Network Rail. The County Council does not hold this information.

**4. What future expenditure is foreseen for this project.**

See answer for question 3.

**5. What is the annual maintenance cost.**

No costs have been incurred by the County Council. The crossing is maintained by Network Rail.

**6. What was the annual maintenance cost of the old crossing (prior to modification).**

The County Council does not hold this information. The crossings are maintained by Network Rail.

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Yours faithfully

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Information Access Officer