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Subject: RE: Accommodation pedestrian level crossings [Scanned]
Date: Mon, 13 Sep 2010 16:32:42 -0000

Dear Mr Salisbury,

Thank you for your email of 11 August 2010. Firstly, I must apologise for the delay in responding to you.

Strictly speaking there are no level crossings termed "pedestrian accommodation level crossings". "Accommodation crossings" are provided for the sole use of a landowner whose property was divided when the railway was constructed.

We only record incidents as being at footpath crossings (FP). Network Rail's Asset Management may be able to help identify which, if any are accommodation crossings.

As we do not hold data relating specifically to "*pedestrian accommodation level crossings*", in answer to your questions, I have provided some data we hold on footpath crossings which may be of use to you.

Incidents on the railways are reported to the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR 95).

1. How many pedestrian level crossings are there in the area for which the Office of Rail Regulation has responsibility; and of those, how many are accommodation crossings?

The Rail Safety and Standards Board's (RSSB) Annual Safety Report (ASPR) shows that there are 2462 footpath crossings on Network Rail's infrastructure. - Data source: Network Rail level crossing census (as at 31 December 2009). Please see: <http://www.rssb.co.uk/SPR/REPORTS/Pages/default.aspx>
Others can be found on heritage railways.

2. For each year over the last most recent 10 years for which records are available for such pedestrian accommodation crossings, how many:-

a) pedestrians have been struck by a train?

Pedestrians struck by a train at Footpath level crossings 1999-2009			
	Injury Class		
Date	Fatal	Hospital	Total
1999	3	0	3
2000	5	1	6
2001	0	1	1
2002	2	1	3
2003	3	1	4
2004	2	0	2
2005	0	0	0
2006	4	1	5
2007	1	1	2
2008	4	1	5
2009	2	2	4
Total	26	9	35

The data is based on incidents reported to the Office of Rail Regulation (ORR) under the Reporting of Injuries, Diseases and Dangerous Occurrences Regulations 1995 (RIDDOR 95) and the findings of Coroners' inquests. The data does not include trespassers and suicides.

b) near misses with pedestrians have there been?

Near misses not reportable to ORR under RIDDOR. However, the Rail Safety and Standards Board's (RSSB) Annual Safety Performance Report (ASPR) contains some data on near misses. For further information please see:

<http://www.rssb.co.uk/SPR/REPORTS/Pages/default.aspx>

3. In each case of a train striking a pedestrian that you have reported:-

a) for the fatalities listed in answer to question 2.a), the inquest verdict and an outline of any elaboration of the verdict given by the coroner.

Fatalities at Footpath level crossings 1999- 2009		
Date	Location	Coroner's Verdict
24/06/1999	RYLANDS LC	Open
04/07/1999	EASTLANDS LC	Accidental death
24/09/1999	OUTWOODS LC	Accidental death
11/02/2000	STANFORD LE HOPE LC	Open
20/03/2000	FERRYBOAT LANE LC	Accidental death
02/06/2000	GOLF LINK LC	Accidental death
03/06/2000	LANKESTERS/SPIKES LANE LC	Accidental death
11/10/2000	SOUTH LEAZE LC	Misadventure
06/08/2002	TYWYN STATION LC	Not known
29/10/2002	SPOONERS LEVEL CROSSING	Open
07/06/2003	RYLANDS LC	Accidental death
10/08/2003	GREEN DRIFT LC	Accidental death
11/10/2003	OUTWOODS LC	Accidental death
09/09/2004	MORETON HALL 1	Open
08/11/2004	BROTTON	Open
17/03/2006	PEGAMOID FOOTPATH	Accidental death
17/03/2006	PEGAMOID FOOTPATH	Accidental death
06/10/2006	BUNKER HILL FP LC	Not known
13/11/2006	GARFORTH MOOR	Accidental death
15/01/2007	JOHNSTOWN (FP) LC (Clwyd)	Accidental death
13/02/2008	LEYS LANE (FP) LC (ATTLEBOROUGH)	Accidental death
16/04/2008	MOOR LANE FC	Accidental death
10/05/2008	MARSH BARTON FC	Accidental death
21/07/2008	ITCHINGFIELD FP LC	Accidental death
07/09/2009	FOX COVERT LC	Accidental death
02/11/2009	ATTENBOROUGH NATURE RESERVE LC	Not known

b) for the non-fatal injuries listed in answer to question 2.a), the decision of all investigations or inquiries into the incidents, if any.

Non-fatal injuries at Footpath level crossings 1999 -2009		
DATE	Location	Investigation results
24/08/2000	BROOKSIDE LC	N/A
08/03/2001	GWERSYLLT STATION LC	See extract from the 2000/01 safety report below ^[1]
31/08/2002	DUDLEY	N/A
23/08/2003	BROOMHILL	N/A
18/08/2006	LLANTILIO PERTHOLEY LC	British Transport Police (BTP) unable to confirm whether incident was attempted suicide or accidental. Also unable to identify where injured person gained access – broken fence nearby repaired.
05/02/2007	GRAMSHAW FC	N/A
08/07/2008	POTTER'S LOCK No.1 FP LC	N/A
05/09/2009	OLIVERS LANE	N/A
29/12/2009	CHAWSON FOOTPATH LC	N/A

^[1] Extract from HM Chief Inspector of Railways Annual Report on the safety record of railways in Great Britain during 2000/01

4. What is the data that is collected and used for assessments of pedestrian accommodation level crossings for Network Rail's routine assessments using its All Level Crossings Risk Model (ALCRM).

ORR does not hold the data that is collected and used for assessments of pedestrian footpath crossings for Network Rail's routine assessments using its All Level Crossings Risk Model (ALCRM). You should contact Network Rail for this information. See: <http://www.networkrail.co.uk/>

Yours sincerely,

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Subject: Accommodation pedestrian level crossings [Scanned]

Dear Mr Dennis,

Thank you for your letter of 26 July, your reference CCT/10-11/420, and for the very helpful information you have provided. I would be grateful if you would help me find out how safe pedestrian accommodation level crossings are in general, so as to assist me with the public inquiry that is to take place this autumn. May I please know:-

1. How many pedestrian level crossings are there in the area for which the Office of Rail Regulation has responsibility; and of those, how many are accommodation crossings?

2. For each year over the last most recent 10 years for which records are available for such pedestrian accommodation crossings, how many:-

- a) pedestrians have been struck by a train?
- b) near misses with pedestrians have there been?

(If your data is collected in different categories, please let me know what categories of data you hold.)

3. In each case of a train striking a pedestrian that you have reported:-

- a) for the fatalities listed in answer to question 2.a), the inquest verdict and an outline of any elaboration of the verdict given by the coroner.
- b) for the non-fatal injuries listed in answer to question 2.a), the decision of all investigations or inquiries into the incidents, if any.

4. What is the data that is collected and used for assessments of pedestrian accommodation level crossings for Network Rail's routine assessments using its All Level Crossings Risk Model (ALCRM).

Please note I am not interested in data collected for level crossings other than for accommodation level crossings.

Yours sincerely,

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