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Dear ██████████

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI2018/00179

Thank you for your email of 8<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in which you requested the following information:

*'I would be grateful if under the Freedom of Information Act, you could please supply details of the costs involved with the proposed closure and diversion of The Gypsy Lane crossing, located in Needham Market, Suffolk. I would be grateful to receive the costs incurred from the start of the project up to the current date.'*

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and I can confirm that we hold the information you requested.

Network Rail has spent considerable time and effort in developing proposals to enable the closure of Gypsy Lane and Willow Walk level crossings. Initially we developed a stepped bridge solution to enable the closure of the two level crossings, but there was overwhelming local public opposition to the proposals. In undertaking this development and enabling works, Network Rail spent approximately £0.9m.

Following further and extensive public engagement, we revisited the diversion options, carrying out further site surveys, outline design and engaged in a series of stakeholder and public consultation workshops to develop a solution that would be feasible. Following a final round of public consultation in late 2015, there was an overwhelming public preference for a diversion of the footpath over Gypsy Lane to a nearby culvert. To date, Network Rail has spent a further £0.4m on developing this scheme.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk) or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

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Yours sincerely

**Anisha Pandya**  
**Information Officer**

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