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Dear Sukina,

Many thanks for your consultation concerning reconstruction of 'Fosters' Bridge on the Settle - Carlisle Railway.

Whilst Network Rail clearly retain PD rights as inheritors of the original Midland line, I can find no mention or reference to the historical significance of the structure in question. The bridge, which in all probability has had previous modifications, is likely to have been constructed as part of the original 1869-75 works, and I strongly suspect will retain some degree of historical/architectural significance. It is recorded on the HER as MYD56939.

The Settle-Carlisle Railway including its curtilage, is protected as a Conservation Area. Demolition of a building within a Conservation Area would normally require full planning permission, rather than a 21 day notification procedure.

Additionally construction of a new bridge – as opposed to repairs to an existing structure would not be covered under the GPDO and require full planning permission.

My advice is that this needs to be resubmitted as a full planning application for demolition of an existing structure in a Conservation Area, and for construction of a new bridge. Any application would need to be accompanied by a heritage statement. In order to make a planning recommendation the Authority will need to understand the heritage significance of the structure. Assuming that demolition is consented, the design of any replacement structure would also need to be considered from the perspective of the Conservation Area.

Kind regards,

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