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Sent: 28/05/2021  
Re: HRE – EDE/25 Great Musgrave railway Bridge

Hi [REDACTED],

The bridge failed a structural assessment in 1998 and the local highway authority refuses to apply a weight restriction. The works that we have planned remove the risk of failure of this bridge and are reversible. **We consider the works to be permitted development as they will prevent a future collapse and preserve public safety (under class Q). On this basis I am not going to ask the contractor to stop works.**

Regards,

[REDACTED]

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**From:** [REDACTED]@eden.gov.uk]

**Sent:** 28 May 2021 15:43

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**Subject:** RE: Historic Railways Estate (HRE) Team - EDE/25 Great Musgrave railway bridge

Hi [REDACTED],

Thanks for the additional information.

I have discussed your response with a colleague and whilst you have provided some details as to the works being undertaken could you please advise why these works are being undertaken and what assessment has been undertaken in terms of the need for the works?

It would be helpful if as much information was provided as possible as **we are looking to make an assessment as to whether these works constitute Permitted Development or whether planning permission should be sought. As such we would ask that you do not commence with the works until such time as we have made this assessment.**

Any additional information as to your own views as to why you consider that these works constitute Permitted Development would be useful to receive.