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Dear Sir

**Transport and Works Act 1992
Proposed Network Rail (Suffolk Level Crossing Reduction) Order
Notice No. 81**

We write on behalf of Mrs Mairi Jean Johnston of Barrow Hall Farm, Church Road, Barrow, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP29 5AX in connection with Notice No. 81 and wish to formally object to the Order on the following grounds.

1. The existing crossing is not sufficiently used to warrant an alternative route being identified once it is closed under the Order. The 9 day count recently undertaken identified zero usages of the crossing.
2. There are other bridleways in existence already provided, which give better routes away from railway line, without creating an additional route. The proposed diversion route does not lead anywhere and therefore adds no benefit to the bridleway network.
3. The diversion of the bridleway on to our client's land, following the closure of the crossing, will have a significant and detrimental impact on our client's business in the following areas.
 - a) The proposed alternative route identified within the Order will use land which forms part of my client's farm diversification enterprises. Immediately adjacent to the intended route is an area of land which is used as a shotgun and rifle testing facility as part of my client's retail enterprise and this therefore presents significant dangers to the public. Locating a bridleway adjacent to the land will require the use to cease thereby creating a loss of income. The land on which testing is undertaken is only suitable because of its location and topography and there is no other land on my clients holding which can be used as an alternative site.
 - b) Adjacent to the proposed route is an area of land which is the subject of a planning permission application (DC/17/0465) for use as caravan and storage facility. There are security issues with this site and the re-direction of a bridleway adjacent to this site will intensify those issues.
 - c) The intended diversion route will border the boundary of an existing clay pigeon shooting school, which is a well-established business and which will be compromised if the bridleway is located along its intended route. The direction of shot will need to be severely restricted if the route is confirmed, which will render much of the site inoperable for its current purpose and will continue to present significant dangers for users of the bridleway.



In summary, our client does not object to the closing of the crossing, primarily on the basis that it is not used and that its closure will not affect the overall bridleway facilities in the area, but she does object to the proposed alternative bridleway route as shown in the Order on the grounds that it will have a significant effect on her business activities and will cause a significant financial loss of income.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection and all future correspondence on this matter should be directed to Charles Loyd MRICS at Strutt and Parker LLP, 11 Museum Street, Ipswich IP1 1HH.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Strutt & Parker".

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