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Subject: East West Rail Western Section - Kempston Hardwick Station Bridge

To Department of Transport
Dear Sirs

I am writing on behalf of Households concerning the above proposed bridge in Manor Road.
We all have the following objections and observations.

1. The plan shows our access to the post box and Parish notice board will be blocked.
2. Access for the postman, deliveries, ambulance, and fire brigade will be blocked. It should be noted that 1 elderly disabled lady is here with a ramp only to the front and 2 elderly frail ladies are among the residents all who may need ambulances and there is no way stretchers unless caged mountain rescue type can be manhandled at the rear.
3. There is a small culvert that runs alongside 1A and under the road under a small bridge that does not seem to be on the plan or taken into account.
4. The Hardwick bridge just West of the plan will not take the traffic. It is so narrow that a car and lorry can not pass on it. The core of it is about 500+ years old and will not take extra traffic missing the Stewartby level crossing tail backs and including the extra 700 homes now being built in Stewartby.
5. The Stewartby level crossings according to current timetables plus publicised new commuter plus freight traffic numbers will be open to road traffic for approx 12 minutes per hour. The main line bridge over the only road into Stewartby from the East / Ampthill Road is very low and will not give access to Covanta lorries. Therefore there will be a solid traffic jam in Green lane of lorries waiting for the crossing.
6. There is no indication of what the Manor Road bridge will look like. Will there be banks planted with trees and shrubs or will it be like Ford End, leaving our houses looking out onto a blank brick wall, ruining life here and destroying house values.

The plans at the Bedford Central Library do not address these objections especially the health and safety questions. Please reply addressing these issues. I expect an acknowledgement of this email unlike the last two to Carter Jonas and Charles Hurst which have both been ignored.

Regards

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