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Subject: Objection to Closure of Woburn Sands Railway Station.
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Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

Secretary of State for Transport,

Please accept this correspondence by way of a strong objection to the application for an order to be made under the Transport and Works Act 1992 by Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd in relation to East West Rail Bicester to Bedford Improvements.

My objections are such:

- The pedestrian crossing between Cranfield Road and the recreation ground is heavily utilised by pedestrians as this is the main route to a lower and middle school, local shops etc. Network Rail intend to close the pedestrian crossing proposing locals, including groups of children, cross a main road with no crossing facilities, no pavement to one side of the road, next to moving traffic. Initially Network Rails scope of works included a footbridge which has subsequently been scrapped.
- Information regarding the change of scope was released 3 days after local schools closed and our objection period ends 2 days after the school term commences, meaning that the amount of 'passers by' to witness/review the information was greatly diminished as were the chance of objection.
- I own and run a business in the town centre as you can see below. If this road is closed I will have to travel a further 8.3 miles apparently to get to my office. I will incur additional expenditure in terms of time, petrol and inconvenience.

If, at any time I am not able to exercise my basic rights to travel to and from my place of business I intend to cease payment of my Rates and encourage all other residents affected by this development and I will measure the affect this has had on my business in Woburn Sands and include this with a Civil Claim for Compensation. Newport Road has been exacerbated with excessive traffic already due to the greedy developers over developing this area and we as residents and business owners have had enough. I regularly have to wait 10 minutes to get on to Newport Road and I suggest that you would do well to have a survey conducted of the impact of this development on the locality and whether or not the risk of high compensation claims is worth it because believe me, this is only the beginning of the objections. Are you seriously prepared to jeopardise the local businesses and potential claims that will ensue? Please decline this immediately and seek a full impact survey on the area first. It would be negligent not to.

Yours faithfully,

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