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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

Please accept this correspondence by way of 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 in Woburn Sands is heavily utilised by pedestrians as this is the main "safe" route to a lower and middle school, Doctors surgery, Dentist and local shops etc. Network Rail intend to close the pedestrian crossing proposing locals, including groups of children, cross a main road with currently no crossing facilities, no pavement on one side of the road and next to moving traffic. It is hazardous to cross the Level Crossing at the station currently with traffic approaching from 3 directions. It is unacceptable to propose children are walked sometimes in groups and with parents with pushchairs across a busy level crossing alongside heavy traffic. Initially Network Rails scope of works included a footbridge which has subsequently been scrapped.

The plans seem to suggest that Cranfield Road may be subject to closure too, parallel to the railway line from the junction with the level crossing either temporarily or permanently. If so this is ridiculous as there will be no short route for residents from the northern side of the railway line In Vandyke Close, Deethe Close, Ridgeway and Tavistock Close to get to the Doctors surgery, Chemist, Schools etc. We will be cut off from our village and amenities. The only way around would be to drive several miles into Aspley Guise from Salford and then back down into Woburn Sands from the southern end. This surely cannot be acceptable for the elderly, infirm or young who live this side of the railway and its proposed works.

- 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 chances of an objection. This seems unfair.

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