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Sent: 04 September 2018 08:06
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

Secretary of State for Transport,

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 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 work at _____ and this crossing is used by children to get to and from school daily those walking with their parents and those that walk on their own, crossing near any traffic at both ends of the day would be unsafe. Newport Road and Cranfield Road are already busy roads which are set to become busier during the next year due to expansion of housing - why remove the safest way of crossing a railway ?

Although I understand your need to change, update and renew parts of the railway - taking away this crossing would be dangerous.

I myself did not even see the signs until school was closed for the summer and I am sure the same can be said for many more people.

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