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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Closure of rail crossing at Woburn Sands

Secretary of State for Transport

Dear Sir

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 near to Woburn Sands.

My objections are as follows:

- 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 and health facilities. Network Rail intend to close the pedestrian crossing, forcing children to cross a main road adjacent to the main level crossing and without pedestrian crossing facilities. Initially Network Rails scope of works included a footbridge which has subsequently been scrapped on the basis of cost.
- The safety of children and other pedestrians should not be compromised in order to save a minor cost in the context of the overall budget for this infrastructure upgrade
- 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.

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