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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 near to Woburn Sands.

My objections are such:

The Pedestrian Crossing between Cranfield Road and the Recreation ground is heavily used 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 facilities. Initially Network Rail scope of works included a footbridge which has been subsequently been scrapped.

I live close to the foot crossing all my family use the foot crossing regularly from homes, schools and amenities in village I have had experience of mechanical failure to level crossing gates having to take my car back and proceed to appointment by foot but this can be done at present and I know others that have done same when situation has arisen. Pushchairs, buggies and motorised buggies included need a safe way to cross the rail track also.

There is often mechanical problems with the level crossing and the traffic builds up very quickly but vehicles can find alternative route to by pass the rail crossing. Pedestrians who are effected by level gate problems are then able to walk down and use foot crossing through the Recreation ground which they would be unable to do if closure was to go ahead. This would cause late to Medical appointments which are fineable and problems with re-booking.

To end there is a large area along the Cranfield Road that is up for redevelopment bringing 300 houses that would also benefit from a foot crossing being kept or footbridge facilities installed otherwise the area North of the crossing could be potentially cut-off from the village and all amenities.

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