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Sent: 06 September 2018 20:44
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail East West Rail TWA Order

To the Secretary of State for Transport,

I am filing an objection to the proposed closure by Network Rail of the level crossing known as Griffin Lane level crossing in the Parish of Aylesbury, Footpath AYL/8/1 between points P1 and P6, and Footpath AYL/7/1 between points P5 and P6 (on sheet 70). Network rail proposes to substitute a Footpath between points P3, P4 and P5 (on sheet 70).

The grounds of my objection are that the proposed substitute footpath is not acceptable. Its route forces residents of the housing estate east to Fairford Leys to walk down an isolated path along the edge of woods and the Bear Brook and past a 'dead end' under the Griffin Lane flyover, doubling back and up a ramp in order to turn again and take the flyover to the intersection with Gatehouse Way where the previous footpath begins.

As well as being quite a bit longer than the previous route, the first part of the new route feels isolated, taking the walker out of view of homes or businesses, not ideal for an unaccompanied female or child. The second part along the flyover has a narrow footway, which forces the walker close to the traffic and its fumes, which is unpleasant for those attempting to go to the shops taking small children with them.

I work in a business in the neighbouring Gatehouse Way estate a few hundred meters away. I used to use the Griffin Lane level crossing while walking during my lunch hour and used to see many local residents using the crossing safely.

I understand that level crossings pose their own set of dangers, but the trains pass quite infrequently along this line compared to the number of people who used to use this crossing, so that to me the potential danger seems quite outweighed by the certain inconvenience of closing it.

yours,
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