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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Proposals to close Selbourne Avenue Bridge as part of East West rail link.
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please see attached letter.

Thank you

Cllr Nigel Long.

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West Bletchley

Department for Transport.
Great Minster House
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6 September 2018

Dear Sir/Madam,

RE: East West Rail link and proposals to close Bridge over Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley, MK3.

I understand that it is proposed, as part of the proposals to re-establish the East West Rail link between Oxford and Cambridge that the bridge over Selbourne Avenue, Bletchley will be closed whilst work is undertaken on the bridge.

The line crossing this bridge is already used for freight purposes.

Whilst I understand the need to repair or improve the bridge, the tunnel running under the bridge provides the **only** current access to the Selbourne Avenue Cemetery.

It also provides the only access to the Scot football club pitches, to the scot social club and to the Scot bowling club and green.

It is causing concern to many local residents that they will not be able to visit the graves of their family members.

I am seeking assurances from you that alternative routes be established for families to visit their relatives buried in the cemetery.

Or alternatively, that the tunnel is closed only for a short period of time when the work is due to be undertaken and that the work be concentrated over a short period of time.

It would be unacceptable for the tunnel to be closed for months, maybe years and no work to be undertaken on the bridge.

Can you please outline how you will manage this matter and what are the proposed timescales?

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Nigel Long

Bletchley Councillor and Milton Keynes Council Cabinet member for Housing and Regeneration.