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I am a horse rider and owner of 2 horses, living in the village of Tackley ([REDACTED]) and am writing to object to the proposed new bridleway at Tackley which is part of the railway station development.

The route for the new bridleway is manifestly unsafe. I am a very experienced rider and qualified riding instructor and cannot imagine how anyone can believe running a bridleway enclosed on both sides alongside a busy rail route would ever be acceptable. There are sections of the proposed bridleway where the trains would be at eye level with horses. You cannot rely on any horse to remain steady under these circumstances and at the very least they are likely to rear or bolt. If there is anyone else on the bridleway when a horse bolts they will not be able to take evasive action. Imagine someone walking with children if this happens.

What is particularly frustrating is the lack of engagement in the consultation process with local residents who are experienced riders, especially as there are safe and viable alternative routes available. It is no good putting up a sign saying "use this bridleway at your own risk" - it is incumbent on the developer to ensure the new route is as safe as possible.

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