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Dear Sir/Madam

I wish to raise an objection to the proposed changes.

Path 209 is an ancient route going back 500 years. Whilst I agree and accept rail safety must be a priority and electrification of the line, I am not in agreement with losing Saddleworth heritage routes going back hundreds of years.

It appears Network Rail seems to ignore the fact that although their interests are being addressed, the proposed replacement route 244 still will have 65 steps and a terribly unsafe exit onto a main road with no pavement. Is that not a concern for them? Total disregard for the safety of large groups of walkers who because of this issue need to use the bridge.

The fact that NWR cannot show why they say the cost is out of the question in such a short time is unacceptable. Joe Public has to shop around for a better quote. They obviously haven't done this and will probably waste more time but no effort on bringing the costs down.

Please don't let the heritage of beautiful Saddleworth be swept away for ever. I want to be safe walking there too. A bridge is needed.

Thank you

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