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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order

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Dear Secretary Of State for Transport,

Subject: YOUR REF. PLAN SHEET 23 E16 MALDON ROAD, LEVEL CROSSING

I am writing to object to the current proposed plans as stated above. I am a local resident and whilst I do not disagree with the closing of this crossing the proposed alternative route is not logical and highlights a number of cause for concern. It should also be noted that I have never seen the footpath in use.

I request that you consider the follow prior to approval :-

You cannot replace Footpath EX/226/21 on the northern side of Maldon Road with an extension of the Bridleway EX/226/22 on the southern side of Maldon Road. These are separate entities and therefore should be treated as such.

Proposed route is an invasion of privacy and raises worrying concerns over security for the residents of Whitesbridge Cottages and myself at ███████████.

A bridleway requires 2m width which will be of impact to farmed land. This is totally unacceptable when an alternate route is available.

As an affected resident I should have been informed of the new proposal but to date I have not received any notifications.

If a footpath is required I would propose using the original footpath and follow the railway to the corner at nuns crossing then walk down the straight piece of road, if it needs to be a footpath use a strip of the verge that belongs to net work rail then cross road to the pavement at Tanridge .

In the 11 years I have lived here I have never seen anyone use the footpath .

Any walkers that are on the road just carry straight on and do not even use the footpath or bridle way which ever way they are walking they stick to the road .

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Common sence is needed.

I would appreciate notification of this email ASAP

Kind Regards

Diana Smith