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Dear Sir/Madam

We live at [REDACTED], Tackley where a recent level crossing closure has occurred. This requires a change in the bridleway at the crossing. We own a small parcel of land at the end of the track leading off Nethercote road, which is next to the proposed bridleway. In the plans the new bridleway would take an awkward v-shaped turn and take some of this land to avoid a signal control box. We think that this has significant health and safety issues.

We wanted to point out that the box was initially set back next to the railway, so in this case the bridleway could go straight on. If the signal box were returned to its initial position or a bit further south, which should be fairly straightforward, this would mean the bridleway could avoid the awkward "dog leg". It would also avoid a health and safety issue. The dog leg version of the bridleway, if it went ahead, would take part of the space now used for access and turning space for private cars as well as vehicular access for Southern Electric, Thames Water and Agricultural vehicles. At the moment there is no clash as there is space enough. However adding a proper bridleway will make this a safety nightmare as it will become very crowded at certain times and expose the horses to a variety of vehicles in a narrow space.

We would thus request a change of plans such that Network Rail move the signal box and thus the bridleway would stay on the land owned by them and avoid the turning area we own.

Has this option been considered by Network rail and if so could we see any documents relating to it?

Best wishes

Dr Anthony Mark Crocker

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