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I am a keen walker and a member of the Wednesday Walkers based in Oldham so am very familiar with the closed level crossing and the adverse effect it has had on the whole walking community not just Wednesday Walkers.

I accept it is much easier for you to simply close this crossing with a hoped for no objections from the public. What surprises me is that you are totally at odds with current thinking around obesity and poor health of the public especially in areas such as Oldham.

What you have done is prevent any walks from near that area as the other crossings are totally inadequate and dangerous as in the case of 244. This exit is directly onto a very busy road.

There's a reason why this crossing was created in the first place from at least the 16th Century but you in your arrogant manner have just decided to close it!

Also fascinating as to the costings, according to you, of £4.5 million to build a new footbridge well in excess of any other footbridges being built.

Your arrogance continues in

- refusing to engage in any debate about your action or any suggested alternatives
- failing to get the necessary permissions from Oldham Council to permanently close Path 209

The use of 244 is dangerous and I along with many others want to have Path 209 restored and expect you to be meeting with the community to properly discuss the way forward.

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