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Grounds of Objection for closing Footpath 209 and to use Footpath 244 instead and not to provide a Footbridge by Network Rail

From:

Dr Adam Matthew Gibbons

Dear Sir Madam,

I wish to object to Network Rail closing the footpath 209 at Moorgate in Uppermill and not providing a footbridge.

I have lived and worked as a General Practitioner in Uppermill for 33 years and have always enjoyed walking the hills and lanes around Saddleworth with family and friends. I have always encouraged my patients to do the same for all the health benefits this brings.

The historic path 209 has always been a favourite leading to and from walks to the quarry, golf club and other paths with magnificent views across the valley.

The proposed alternative path is totally inappropriate and unsafe, even if Network Rail try to improve it. It is far too steep and exits onto a very busy main road which is very dangerous.

I am aware of many other footbridges over the railway line in other areas of Saddleworth and Mossley and have used them many times. None of them are on busy footpaths and none of these paths are as well used as footpath 209 and the crossing at Moorgate.

A footbridge here is a MUST and I sincerely hope that this provided as it is important for our community and its many visitors.

Yours Faithfully

Dr Adam Matthew Gibbons MbChB