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My objections to this closure are mainly as follows:

1. Path 209 has been in existence for centuries and is a significant part of a network of paths in the area.
2. It appears that no approval has been obtained from Oldham Council to permanently close the path and Network Rail has used misinformation for its temporary closure.
3. A footbridge over the railway was originally favoured by NR. This would enable the footpath to remain open. It is now alleged that the cost is now prohibitive as these have risen from £1.2m to £4.5m. This increase is not substantiated. In any event is this excessive in the overall scheme of things?
4. The alternative route is not suitable. It includes 65 steps and a dangerous exit onto the very busy Oldham Road.

The main reason for the proposed closure by Network Rail is cost. There are more issues to consider.

Please accept this email as notice of my objection.

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