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Dear Sir/Madam,

Whilst I understand the UK's need to improve its railway network and support the general principle of improving trans Pennine transport links, as a keen walker and member of the Ramblers' Association I have one major objection/concern about the proposals that affect the Saddleworth area, namely:

Pedestrian safety will be majorly affected by the proposal to block off FP209 at Moorgate, as diverting walkers up FP244 via dangerous stone steps precariously placed above a steep hillside would create far greater hazards and risks for pedestrians walking west up towards Saddleworth Golf Course or north towards the disused 'Delph Donkey' railway bridleway. This diversion would entail exposing pedestrians to significantly higher risk than hitherto experienced, not just on FP244 but also along the busy single tracked Ladcastle Road used by vehicles travelling to and from Saddleworth Golf Course and by drivers using this narrow lane as a diversionary 'rat run' route used by local drivers especially at rush hour times.

The simplest and most efficient solution would be to create a footbridge at FP209's crossing point Moorgate and I urge you to carry out such an undertaking, but if the expense of such a solution proves to be an issue, in view of the points raised above I'm sure that a workable safe and efficient system of warning lights and auto-lockable gates when trains are due could be installed at the existing Moorgate crossing point could be installed.

I trust and hope that our hourly service to and from Manchester Piccadilly will not be affected by 'On Track to Better' and that every effort is made to reduce disruption for local bus services and road users during the construction process.

Kind regards

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