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I am writing to object to the permanent closure of Moorgate Level Crossing on Footpath 209 Saddleworth.

Whilst speed of trains is to increase, this crossing is on a long straight stretch and, can safely be crossed as it takes seconds to cross.

The alternative crossings add an extra 30-minutes onto what is a direct walk into the centre of Uppermill.

Moorgate Quarry diversion off Ladcastle is mostly a lonely and unsafe walk for a lone walker. This sends you to the edge of Uppermill, having to walk out and back into the main village of Uppermill.

In August it was shut temporarily, whilst work is being undertaken for a period of 6-months.

The intention was to re-open or, build a footbridge and network rail are going back on this. This should have been budgeted for and, I do wonder if this was the planning all along as it appears to be disingenuous behaviour, impacting the local community.

If the original plans changed, the crossing should have been a stipulation as part of signoff.

It cannot now be signed off without the crossing as local people use this frequently to get about, quickly. We are not all ramblers but, wanting to walk quickly between villages as we have done for years.

I believe the options are, build the footbridge, or re-open the crossing with an electrical board to warn when the next 80mph train passes. The tram companies report next trams so, why can National Rail not do so? If Network Rail has no budget the speed of the trains here should now be reconsidered to re-open the crossing.

I look forward to a reply to my objection.

Kind Regards, Nichola Nixon
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