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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to record my objection to the closure of the Moorgate level crossing in favour of the proposed alternative path 244 on two grounds: 1. On principle and 2. safety.

1. Principle. Previously agreed plans for a footbridge to replace the Moorgate crossing have been withdrawn on grounds of cost. If you cannot now afford the upgrade to this line, then do not do it. If you do not have the budget to maintain an existing right of way, it is unacceptable to transfer the cost to others in the form of lost rights of way and public amenity.
2. Safety. The alternative footpath 244 is an unsuitable and dangerous alternative route. Of particular concern is that the path exits directly onto a busy main road. Due to the curve of the road, buildings and parked cars, pedestrians exiting the path have a limited view and only two or three seconds to react to oncoming traffic. Lorries and buses pass remarkably close to the edge of the road, and you have to be quick retreating back up the path. There is a substantial risk of severe injury or fatalities, particularly for less agile walkers and children.

Thank you for your attention, and I hope you will take these concerns into consideration. My objections are in a personal capacity as a concerned private citizen.

Yours faithfully,  
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