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Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to express my concern over and objection to the proposed closure of Footpath FP209 and diversion to FP244 to accommodate the above rail network infrastructure update. I understand that this would involve negotiating severe flights of steps, an underpass and an egress directly onto the busy Oldham Road where there is an extremely limited footpath.

My address is [REDACTED] and my representation is entirely personal but based on over a decade of employment with both the Alzheimer's Society and a number of Age UK Charities. My main contributions included developing partnerships, workshops, conferences and campaigns devoted to the support of Older People and especially those living with Dementia, Frailty and Isolation and Loneliness.

In every instance the now well-established role of regular outdoor exercise is a key feature in minimising the increasingly deleterious effects of these common conditions. Without this positive and simple action the consequences for the individuals concerned are often tragic and involve massively escalating costs to the NHS. For ready access to supporting information around this aspect for older people, the following Google AI synopsis summarises the established benefits concisely <https://bit.ly/48CzWTS>

Any development which may hinder increasing numbers of the affected populations from accessing footpaths through the surrounding countryside to the important social and economic hub of Uppermill should involve open discussions with those affected, outlining the pros and cons of all alternative developments.

Yours sincerely

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