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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to wholeheartedly object to the re-routing of the bridleway in Tackley.

I am a resident of Tackley and have been for 15 years. As a regular user of the bridleway for exercise and access to the locks, the canal and surrounding nature trails, closing this route denies me my access along an ancient right of way. It is a right of way that you are NOT entitled to change or remove from the public.

There has been NO consultation on the removal of the bridleway and re-routing of access along side the railway. It was only a side note in the discussion on the Footbridge proposal. There has been no consultation with OCC public rights of way either.

Your footbridge related argument about removing risk is false. You're just creating a new risk by having the new access too close to the track. This is private interest stealing public land as part of a plan to roll back commitments previously made on the crossing issue to save money. I also hear that you are saying that the bridge will remain open for permissive footpath access, but hidden in your small print is a note saying that the access remains until ticket machines are installed or if Network Rail decide to withdraw it.

Tackley villagers and the country as a whole are sick and tired of this constant march of private companies stealing from the people, hiking prices while failing to improve shoddy services and passing money off the shareholders as the standards continue to fall. It's theft from the tax payers, the public purse and its asset stripping from the country for your own selfish gain. Prison is too good for you.

Leave our public rights of way alone. Honour the promises you've previously made and hang your heads in shame until you've behaved long enough for the public to forgive you.

Your faithfully,

Doug Stephens
[REDACTED], Tackley resident

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