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To whom it may concern.

Dear Sirs

I would like raise my concerns about the planned closure of the bridleway at Tackley Station. I have lived in Tackley for 54 years and have walked along that bridleway with my dogs, at least once a week for all of that time. This has been a public footpath/bridleway since the time of the Romans going from the village to the Mill, Kirtlington, Bletchington and further. Until Tackley had its own halt and later Station, men used this crossing and footpath to get to Bletchington station, the quarry to work and later the factory at Cowley and it is public right of way and should remain so.

In my objection one of the things I am mentioning that in the NR07 consultation report you mention the subway and developers bridge, there has been no consultation on an infield or northern route (so you haven't reasonably considered other options).

The risk has been moved from crossing the railway to riding alongside it - therefore no better. It is dangerous to all users, the damage a frightened horse could do to anyone in that corridor would be horrific - a frightened horse won't stop for anything (so pedestrians are at risk here too).

According to the documents you have published there has been no consultation with OCC public rights of way.

And - whilst you are saying that the bridge will remain open for permissive footpath access, hidden in the small print is a note saying that the access remains until ticket machines are installed or that network rail decide to withdraw it.

Further consultation should be undertaken before this decision should be made and the people of Tackley lose this valuable right of way to cross the railway and walk or ride along Mill Lane as they have done for over 2000 years.

Yours faithfully
Susan Ashton

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