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Dear British Rail

My name is Annabelle Smith and I have lived in Tackley for 25 years and often use the Public Bridleway that approaches and crosses the railway at Tackley Station. I understand why you have prevented people from walking directly across the line - however the other options provided/suggested have not been satisfactory. Originally you said you would build a tunnel so people, and maybe more importantly horses, could cross the railway safely. Then there was talk of a bridge set away from the village. Finally you built the current bridge which does not look or feel permanent. It has a ramp for cyclists - but this is hard to use as it is too narrow. You spent a lot of money improving the bridleway so you could get your vehicles along it to enable the building of what appears to be a temporary bridge. In your plan you say that we will now have a Bridleway alongside the railway - this is not a pleasant option as it means that passing trains will be very close and therefore very noisy which may frighten both horses and dogs. It seems that you have gradually over the past few years wriggled out of your responsibilities of providing a safe and convenient crossing for riders and walkers.

Please could you reconsider building a tunnel under the railway and close to the village.

Annabelle Smith

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