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Secretary of State for Transport,
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Great Minster House,
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Dear Sir,

I write on behalf of The British Horse Society (the BHS). The BHS is the UK's largest equestrian charity with over 120,000 members and representing the country's 3 million horse riders. In particular, it advocates for more and better off-road access for equestrians and seeks to protect and enhance the network of public bridleways and byways.

The BHS **objects** to Network Rail's application of 8 December for the Network Rail (Tackley Level Crossing) Order. The grounds for the Society's objection are as follows:

1. Inadequate consideration has been given to possible measures to retain the existing crossing and improve its safety for users of the bridleway.
2. The proposed alternative alignment for the bridleway is poorly designed and specified and carries inherent potential risks. These arise from its continuous length, its width allied to the fact that it is enclosed by fences with an absence of refuges or escape points, and the degree of vertical and horizontal separation from the line. The proposed surface of the new route needs to be appropriately specified to ensure suitability for equestrian use.
3. Far more suitable alternative routes have been suggested which have been ignored or rejected with no or with inadequate reasons given.

We will expand and provide further details on these grounds of objection in due course, if necessary.

Please send any correspondence relating to the objection by email to myself, to access@bhs.org.uk and to our postal address at The British Horse Society, Abbey Park, Stareton, Kenilworth, CV8 2XZ.

Yours faithfully,

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