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To whom it may concern,

I am a Tackley resident and I am writing to object to the proposal for the bridleway and footbridge. I am an enthusiastic Walker and dog walker, and my husband is also a runner. We use this route a lot, as do many of our neighbours and friends, here and beyond - people alighting the train at tackley/anyone doing an Oxfordshire way walk enjoys this route too.

Having talked to our neighbours about this, it does appear there is a safety concern with the proposed plans. In the NR07 consultation report you mention the subway and developers bridge, yet there has been no consultation on an infield or northern route so it seems like other options have not been considered.

The risk has been moved from crossing the railway to riding alongside it - therefore no better. It is dangerous to all users: hearing from our neighbour the damage a frightened horse could do to anyone in that corridor is frightening- this affects pedestrians hugely. And probably especially those with dogs, given that horses being frightened can affect dogs' reactions too.

I was disappointed to hear that in 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, I've also learnt that 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.

I am sure you will be hearing from many residents on this matter and I look forward to hearing an update on the matter.

Regards,
Clare and Brochan Watts,
Tackley

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