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To whom it may concern,

I am a professor and scientist studying head and brain trauma at Oxford University. I ride with friends most weekends in and out of Tackley.

I am writing to state my firm opposition to the Bridleway in Tackley being re-routed by Network Rail. If this goes forward riders like me will be forced to ride for 1km along the railway in a fenced corridor that is only 4m from the railway tracks.

There are many safety reasons that you should be aware of and that should prevent this plan from going forward. For example, if this plan goes forward, we will be forced to ride our horses along with pedestrians, cyclists, et. which is fraught with hazard should the horses spook due to passing trains. Obviously, this is extremely dangerous for horses, riders and others using the bridleway as the proximity and lack of egress, the plan, put simply, is a recipe for loss of life or limb. If this plan goes forward it is not a matter of "if" but "when" there will be a potentially fatal accident. Please avoid this by scrapping the plan and exchanging it for a safe one.

Finally, the decision to re-route was carried out incorrectly and omitted costs and quotations in the consultation documents.

Best Regards

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