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Moorgate Crossing

I am writing to object to the permanent closure of the footpath over the railway line at Moorgate Crossing in Uppermill, and to ask that a footbridge be built as originally planned. I am in full support of the Moorgate Footbridge Campaign.

The route is by far the most direct from Uppermill High street up to Wharmton quarries, a much loved local nature reserve regularly frequented by families and young children. The alternative route suggested during the consultation is a complete non-starter, many local people are not even aware of the existence of this footpath, for good reason. It comes down to Uppermill High street on a section of road which lacks a full pavement and has dangerously fast traffic in very close proximity. I have always been reluctant to use that footpath with children for that reason. It also lies outside the village centre and will not attract pedestrians up to the nature reserve. The only other route under the rail line is much further along Den lane, and is equally unsuitable as Den lane is narrow and lacks a hard shoulder for pedestrians, and that route also involves using a long narrow muddy footpath on the other side of the rail line to gain access to the existing footpath up to the quarries. I believe that it is important to maintain access from the centre of Uppermill village in order to attract locals and visitors to walk that way. Walking is excellent for mental and physical health and is a major focus of government investment. Modernising the rail line is important, but not to the detriment of local communities and their physical and mental health.

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