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Please find attached a response from the Chairman of Newport Parish Council concerning the above.

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Secretary of State for Transport
c/o Transport & Works Act Orders Unit,
General Counsel's Office
Department for Transport Zone 1/18,
Great Minster House,
33 Horseferry Road,
London
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Dear Sir

The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.

The Proposed Network Rail (Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction) Order

Newport Parish Council strongly objects to the proposed closure of Level Crossings **E9 Elephant, E10 Dixies and E11 Windmills**. In our opinion, these crossings are low risk and one incident elsewhere should not lead to a permanent loss of public rights of way.

E9 Elephant

This crossing is used by a considerable number of our residents and visitors as it is a very popular and attractive walk from the centre of the village. We would suggest that automatic gates with lights should be installed together with a designated refuge area, similar to the crossing at Cannon's Mill Lane, Bishop's Stortford. The alternative suggested route, via Station Road, is unacceptable as this involves crossing Debden Road by the railway bridge which is extremely dangerous.

E10 Dixies

Over the next few months there will be significant development in the area to the north, and east of Bury Water Lane; planning permission has already been granted. This crossing will provide a major link to the village for residents living in that area. Again, we would suggest that automatic gates with lights should be installed together with a designated refuge area similar to the crossing in Cannon's Mill Lane.

Yours faithfully

Andrew Yarwood
Chairman