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Subject: Objection to the proposed closure of FP209 Moorgate Crossing (Dark Lane). Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order
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I email to state my total opposition to the decision to close the Moorgate crossing, and via this closure the extinguishment of FP 209. The footpath must remain open with (as originally proposed) the installation of a pedestrian footbridge to allow safe crossing of the rail line. This issue is part of the Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order.

- My family and I have lived in Greenfield since 1985, and this footpath 209 has been regularly used by us since that time. It is a well used and important route to the other villages in Saddleworth, and for open space recreation.
- I am a member of Tameside Ramblers, where I am a walk leader and the footpath officer for Tameside. I have been an active member of Saddleworth Runners 1985 -2021, so have good knowledge of the wider area; footpath 209, and the proposed alternative non footbridge route of FP244.
- The alternative suggested of FP 244 is one I have run and walked over the years, and is one I am adamant is unsafe for families and recreational walkers. I would not take my children on it when they were young. As I am an experienced, fit and competent fell runner and long distance walker, I would not be at risk from the steep inclines and uneven surfaces, but less experienced users will struggle to cope and would be at risk of injury. The main road intersection with Oldham Road is a high risk pedestrian/vehicle collision area.
- A less crucial but still important consideration is the extended distance of FP244 over a less scenic and attractive landscape than FP209 provides.

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