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From: Pat Marsden
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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Proposed E41 Paget Road, Wivenhoe and E42 sand pit crossing, Alresford closures by Network Rail

Dear Secretary for State

As you all know Network Rail are pursuing a programme of closing as many of the foot crossings in the East Anglia region including the ones at Paget Road in Wivenhoe, Essex and the other by the bridge on the Alresford Road known as Sand Pit Crossing.

The Wivenhoe Society are supporting Wivenhoe Town Council's actions in objecting to the closure of both these two crossings. The Sand Pit crossing is used by a lot of walkers from Wivenhoe and if it is closed these people will be forced to take a detour and use the railway bridge which has no footway across it. We believe this puts people in more danger than crossing the railway line.

The Paget Road crossing is of course well used since 1864 and there is no record of any accidents at this site. We believe that NR's actions on the prolonged use of the horn to warn people on the crossing could be replaced with a much less anti-social alternative. Instead NR appear to want people to take a substantial detour either by using a steep access up Queens Rd and down the unmade Anglesea Road which has no footpath or via the High Street which has only very narrow footpaths which are overhung by passing buses. Their latest proposal is to create a footpath from the end of Paget Road (north side) to Phillip Road. This makes no sense to us.

I would also like to add my voice to the objections to these proposed closures and also to protest at the appalling increase in train horn noise which is deafening the whole town since Network Rail commenced their campaign to close these crossings. This cannot be a coincidence and inflicts a distressing amount of noise on residents from 6am in the morning until midnight every day.

I believe there should be a public inquiry into these closures.

Yours sincerely

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