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I write to oppose the application to close the Moorgate footpath crossing in Uppermill.

I have used this crossing on occasion over the past 40 years, although it is not intensively used.

The sightlines to both east and west along the railway are excellent.

The proposed increased speed of trains along this section of track is little more than marginal.

I believe the risk of harm from passing trains to pedestrian users of this crossing is very significantly less than the risk people face in vast numbers every day in crossing roads. It is, in effect, close to zero.

The risk to trains from pedestrian users is effectively non-existent. I cannot recall having read of any train being derailed through hitting a pedestrian since the opening of the Stockton & Darlington Railway in 1825.

If it is the wish of DfT to curb dangerous practices on the railway then it should prohibit people standing on station platforms when trains pass, or stop them jumping off platforms to commit suicide, or close all public footpaths crossing main roads, and maybe it should require barriers to be placed between pavements and roads in urban centres.

As Ian Walmsley writes in this month's edition of Modern Railways, the so-called safety culture now being practised is detached from objective assessment of the potential benefits, which in this case amount to none at all.

Yours sincerely

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