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My name is Karen Giles, I am a resident of Tackley and have been for my whole life [REDACTED]. My family own a field at the bottom of Mill lane which is directly accessible by the current bridleway for our horses to get to the village for shoeing and vet visits etc without having to ride on a main road. I am also a regular user of the bridleway on horse, bike and with my dog.

I am writing to object to the current bridle way proposal for a number of sensible reasons:

1. the NR07 consultation report they mention the subway and developers bridge, there has been no consultation on an infield or northern route (so they haven't reasonably considered other options).
2. The risk has been moved from crossing the railway to riding alongside it - therefore no better. The dangers involved in riding a horse next to a high speed train is obvious. It would be dangerous to all users, the damage a frightened horse could do to anyone in that corridor would be horrific - a frightened horse won't stop for anything (so pedestrians are at risk here too).
3. According to their documents they have published there has been no consultation with OCC public rights of way.
4. Apparently the bridge will remain open for permissive footpath access however I have noticed that hidden in the small print is a note saying that the access remains until ticket machines are installed or that network rail decide to withdraw it. This will effect a very large number of dog walkers, runners and cyclists who regularly use this crossing which has already been compromised by the installation of a bridge. (Carrying my bike across is no mean feat!)

In addition to this I have to say from my heart that as a village we feel we have been hoodwinked by British rail. They have tricked us with grand promises and are now trying to sweep away the solutions they themselves proposed with unsubstantiated barriers to save them money. Please learn from the post office scandal that we will not let this lie, however long it takes and whatever level we have to take this issue to we will strive to get what they promised. We may be little people in a little village but we have a collective voice that we will make heard. Please don't let them get away with this.

Best regards

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