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I wish to object to the closure of the Moorgate crossing on the following grounds:

Path 209 is an ancient named highway of local historic significance as part of a network of inter-regional routes from at least the 16th C.

A NR survey has shown the path to have a very high pedestrian usage and by vulnerable people. A footbridge was favoured by NR in 2022, when it was recommended in their Diversity Impact Assessment and NR had planning consent for one.

NR failed to get approval from Oldham Council in July 2024 to permanently close path 209 and obtained the current temporary closure using false information.

NR has refused to discuss revised construction access arrangements which will save cost.

There has been a misleading public consultation with no option for a footbridge.

The local community want the route retained and the majority of responses to the consultation were against the use of 244 as an alternative.

The use of 244 with 65 steps and an unsafe exit on to Oldham Road where there is no footway is not an acceptable alternative to 209 which does not have these issues.