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**Sent:** 12 May 2017 13:57  
**To:** TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT  
**Cc:** Bme  
**Subject:** Objection to closure of Thornbury Wood pedestrian level crossing

Dear Sir / Madam

I wish to register my objection to closure of Thornbury Wood pedestrian level crossing in the parish of Wakes Colne Essex.

It is unnecessary and the alternative route proposed is long, visually unattractive (passing the sewage farm) and exposes pedestrians to new hazards having walking along a road as it approaches and crosses the railway track.

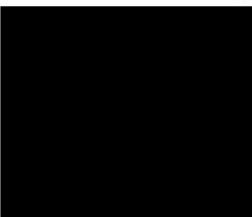
The Marks Tey to Sudbury line is a low risk route with a single track, small slow trains at low frequency.

The footpath crossing has been in use since the railway was built and is included in the two local circular walking routes "Margery Allingham Walk" and "Fair Maid Walk" that were instigated 30 years ago and approved by the the River Colne Countryside Project and Colchester Council.

There is a direct footpath across the railway that is obviously linking the footpaths on either side and the re-routing is unnecessary and not without new dangers that must be risk assessed and balanced against the risk of the existing crossing.

Yours

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