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Transpennine Route Upgrade

Objection to the closure of Footpath FP209 (Moorgate Crossing, Uppermill) and support for the installation of a footbridge.

This ancient footpath is a valuable route for walkers. It is used by all local walking groups, Saddleworth residents and many visitors coming from outside the area. I understand that Network Rail has not obtained permission from Oldham Council to close this footpath,

Initially a footbridge over the railway was Network Rail's favoured solution. However, NR have now alleged that the cost of building the footbridge is too great having risen from £1.2m to £4.5m. There has been no explanation given to justify this huge increase but, even at this price, it would be an extremely worthwhile investment for the thousands of people (locals and visitors) who enjoy walking in this popular walking hotspot.

NR's proposal to divert the footpath to connect with FP244 is a bad one in that this route has a dangerous flight of stone steps and exits on to a busy road where there is no footpath - a highly dangerous situation for groups of walkers. Surely a safe and secure route for walkers and pedestrians should be the priority?

Please accept this email as notice of my objection to the closure of FP209 Moorgate Crossing and support for the installation of a footbridge over the railway track.

Kind regards,

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