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Dear Sir/Madam,

Network Rail Stalybridge to Diggle TWA Order

I am writing to object to the proposed permanent closure of the Moorgate Level Crossing in Uppermill, which is on a public right of way (209, Saddleworth).

I have regularly used this path since a child, and now as an adult with my partner.

I object on the following grounds;

- 1) The proposed new replacement footpath (244) is not suitable or safe - the path opens out directly onto a main road (Oldham Road) with limited view of traffic and a limited pavement making it dangerous to pedestrians. Footpath 209 on the other hand takes pedestrians directly to the village centre and joins the high street with a wider pavement.
- 2) The proposed new replacement footpath (244) is a longer route that takes pedestrians away from the village centre and will take longer to walk.
- 3) Path 209 is a designated Ancient Highway and Green Lane and is part of a historic network of routes across the Pennines which may go as far back as the Anglo-Saxon period. This is therefore a conservation issue.

In addition, Network Rail was awarded planning permission to erect a footbridge over the railway which would keep path 209 open, when it accepted that its closure would be inappropriate. Why it has changed its stance when the majority of responses to its consultation were against the use of path 244 as an alternative, is not clear.

Yours faithfully

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