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My objections to the closure of path 209 are as follows:

1. Path 209 has been in existence for centuries and is a significant part of the path network in the area.
2. It appears that no approval has been obtained from Oldham Council to permanently close the path.
3. Network Rail has used misinformation for its temporary closure.
4. A footbridge over the railway was originally favoured by Network Rail. This would enable the footpath to remain open.
5. It is alleged that the cost of this footbridge has now risen from £1.2m to £4.5m. This increase is not substantiated.

The cost increase should not cloud this issue, in the overall scheme of things?

4. The alternative route is not suitable, as it would put walkers in a dangerous situation by exiting onto the very busy Oldham Road.

The main reason for the proposed closure by Network Rail is cost. This footpath has been in existence for many years before the existence of the rail network, there Network Rail need to consider this and have an acceptable solution to keep this Right of Way open and safe.

There are more issues to consider.

Please accept this email as notice of my objection.

Regards
Tom Bingham