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**To:** [Roberts, Ali](#)  
**Subject:** RE: The Proposed Extinguishment of Penleigh Park Level Crossing, Footpath Westbury 15  
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Hi Ali,

**I feel it would be wrong for me to question NR safety assessment as I'm not a qualified Rail Safety Auditor (RSA).**

Therefore, from a highway's perspective.

I object to the closure for the following reasons:

There appears to be insufficient consideration given to the impact of the proposed alternative route via Oldfield Road and Station Road, particularly on everyday highway users. This includes vulnerable individuals, those with limited mobility, and users with pushchairs or other encumbrances.

If a footbridge is ultimately agreed upon, I urge that the timing of its construction be brought forward. Delaying the closure of the existing route until the footbridge is fully operational would significantly reduce disruption and provide a safer, more accessible option for all users.

I believe it is unreasonable to expect pedestrians to travel the distance via Oldfield Road and Station Road, due not only to the extended distance but also to the various challenges and risks they may encounter along the way. Of particular concern is the increased risk to pedestrian safety on these highways, where there appears to be no early intervention measures proposed, as far as I am aware, to improve the infrastructure in line with anticipated increases in pedestrian activity. This is especially critical in areas such as the railway bridge on Station Road, where the existing footway on the northwest side is approximately only 700mm in width. This narrow pathway significantly compromises pedestrian safety and accessibility, particularly given the potential for increased usage.

It is imperative that proactive steps are taken to address any safety concerns and to facilitate appropriate highway improvements before any increase in pedestrian traffic is encouraged or expected.

Regards

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