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**Subject:** Closure of railway crossing Oldfield Road, Westbury  
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Dea Ali,

I would like to oppose the closure of the pedestrian crossing by Network Rail on Oldfield Road, Westbury.

The basis for my objection is around the lack of other safe means to cross the railway in the near vicinity. The network rail proposal to use the paths under the bridge on Station Road (B3097) do not consider the suitability of safe pedestrian access using that route.



As you can see from the above image, the pedestrian access adjacent the N bound traffic lane, is not wide enough, especially for those with young children or those who require mobility aids. I have had many occasions where my children and/or dog have been close to being struck by a car using the path on this side of the road. Unfortunately, despite there being an adequate path on the other side of the road, this is not used by pedestrians due to the lack of a safe crossing between the bridge and the roundabout opposite the Railway Inn Pub, or a safe crossing between the bridge and the roundabout adjoining Rosefield Way and Oldfield Road. Also the wider path adjacent to the south bound traffic lane, terminates at the Railway Inn and the nature of the road layout and the blind corner means crossing is extremely dangerous.

In my two years in Westbury, during which time I regularly use the crossing for dog waling and family walks, I have never experienced any activity on or near the crossing I would consider to be "near fatal". I consider this to be an attempt by Network Rail to de-risk themselves and save money on maintenance of a perfectly safe crossing.

I would urge the council to consider the bigger picture when deciding on the outcome of this closure application. This should include, but not be limited to considering:

- The additional distance to walk for pedestrians.
- Safe and accessible pedestrian walkways under the bridge at Station Road.
- The contingency planning should the paths under the station road bridge need to be closed for repairs or other reason.
- Other efforts Network Rail could make to ensure the crossing is safe.... CCTV, information campaigns, locking gates etc.

Many thanks for taking the time to read my objection. I would kindly ask you keep me informed of any developments regarding this matter.

Kindest regards,

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