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Dear Ali

We wish to express our strong disapproval and concern about this proposed action by Network Rail. We live on the Spinnaker Estate and make frequent use of this crossing to either walk into town through Penleigh Park or to the White Horse Medical Centre and Sunak's Pharmacy.

To expect elderly people (I am 77 and my husband is 79) as well as families with young toddlers and prams to walk down to Station Road and then navigate across the busy intersections by the bridge where there is no pedestrian crossing is absolutely ridiculous. The narrow footpath along to Protyre is extremely dangerous and the tunnel is flooded in wet weather. Crossing over the road is impossible at peak traffic periods as the speed limit is 30mph and many drivers exceed this along that section.

If Network Rail persist in this closure then the Council should request a pedestrian crossing (with a traffic light) to be placed on Station Road so that pedestrians and cyclists can safely cross to access the wider footpath (which is fouled with pigeon droppings).

We have never witnessed anybody 'misusing' the railway crossing as claimed by Network Rail. This is clearly a cost cutting exercise on their part.

We would suggest that the Council request a copy of all the safety concerns which Network Rail claim to have been raised over the years. As the Spinnaker Estate has not been established for very long it is difficult to imagine exactly who has been raising concerns on a very adequate and safe level crossing and what these might be.

Yours sincerely  
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