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I wish to register my objections to the proposed closure of the level crossing.

1. Network Rail acknowledge the significant use of the level crossing as do many residents who wish to cross from one side to the other. Closure of this crossing will put a break between parts of Westbury that no one wants or needs.

The alternate route in Plan B is not only adding more time and efforts to residents daily travel on foot but this route is also hazardous due to the reduction in width of the footpath under the railway bridge leading to Amazon Way and the Station, The Ham. Etc. In times of heavy rain pedestrians run the gauntlet of being splashed by passing vehicles. Water ponds on both sides of the road at this spot.

With additional housing planned for Mane Way this will increase the need to keep the level crossing open. All schools are townside of Westbury and majority of shops and services. However, residents accessing the Railway Station from Mane Way area will be also disadvantaged if the level crossing is closed.

When I was a child I had to use the level crossings at times on way to school , but in those days there were no lights, alarms etc. we were taught to use the drill when crossing. No fatalities occurred on the railway at that time as I recall.

I do not consider that the level crossing is dangerous if used correctly and alarms obeyed.

This footpath has been available for many many years until the railway lines cut through it. Other footpaths were lost under the railway some years ago and the advent of the housing estate has not helped either. The reinstatement of the footpath from the housing to the Railway Station has been a bonus but this could not be accessed by residents from Oldfield Road direction if the level crossing was closed.

I feel that the level crossing should be kept open. We want to keep all facilities available now not lose them.

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