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Subject: Objection to Application P/2025/003

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Dear Ali Roberts,

I wish to object to the closing of the crossing at Penleigh Park.

I have used the crossing many times over the years, and it is safe to use. The traffic light system is clear and easy to understand. There is also good visibility to see if trains are coming.

By closing the crossing, this would cut off those who live in the new estate next to the pond. They would have to use a longer route which at one point narrows under the railway bridge, so that only single file access is possible. It wouldn't be a possible route for those with pushchairs or wheelchairs. They would then have to cross Station Road twice, which can get very busy at peak times.

Network Rail have said that "without the construction of a bridge no additional [safety] mitigation is possible". We in this area have needed and wanted a road bridge for years to take traffic away from the already congested Oldfield Road. Apparently, previous housing developers have put money in a pot to build a road bridge, but there is still not enough to build one. If Network Rail want to close this crossing, I think they should contribute to the money needed for a road bridge. This would then help all users - there would be a safe way for people to cross the railway line, as well as taking traffic away from a road that is already over capacity.

Yours Sincerely,

Hannah Stone