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Good morning Ali,

I hope that you are well.

I am totally against the proposed closure of Penleigh Park Level Crossing for several reasons:

1. The level crossing provides a well used route from Westbury Train Station to the Westbury Leigh area. This means that people who would otherwise have to drive to work have easy access to this mode of transport which is better for the environment and prevents further congestion on the roads around Westbury.

2. Parents use the level crossing to walk their children to school. Two factors here are important :

a) Should the level crossing close then parents would have to walk their children along the road including very narrow pavements which would not be safe at that time of morning with the amount of traffic .... Air pollution and potential of accidents

b) Parents may be forced to use a vehicle to take their children to school

which would increase road congestion, air pollution and would create a parking problem around the school and increase the risk of accidents

3. I live on Lakeside Estate and the level crossing provides easy access to shops in the Westbury Leigh, particularly Tesco Express.

4. There are some amazing walks around this area and the level crossing is a vital part of the route. It avoids the narrow pavements particularly along Oldfield Road. The pavements are clearly not designed for a lot of footfall which will happen should the level crossing be closed.

5. There is a park area with a football pitch and a skate park . The level crossing allows easier access to this facility. This is important when children are being encouraged to spend time outdoors rather than being constantly on their mobile phones and iPads.

6. The level crossing allows people who fish at the lakes to cross with their equipment rather than having to use a vehicle . This is important as the lakes are a nature area with a large number of birds. Increased traffic would be a risk to the environment .

7. I am aware that there for years there have been proposals for a bridge across the railway line at Penleigh Park , rather than a level crossing . For safety and environmental issues a bridge would be the most sensible outcome .

I invite you to meet with myself and other residents at the crossing if this will assist .

Best wishes ,

Julie Ridley

Sent from my iPhone