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To Whom It May Concern

The proposed extinguishment of this crossing is a shocking reaction and indictment of the neglect by Network Rail and their desire to remove their problem by resorting to draconian measures.

They have produced no figures nor proof to their claim that the crossing is being abused. We are all just supposed to accept it.

I live locally and use this crossing as a way to walk to the station and I have never seen its mis-use.

I would understand it to be more used since a housing estate was built away from town but we are given no data to support this.

It was surely negligent of Network Rail, Wiltshire CC and the housing estate contractors not to have better provided for pedestrians and cyclists in the initial stages of planning, when money was set aside to build a bridge. This money has still not been used.

A wonderful pedestrian and cycle path was then installed leading from the station carpark to Amazon Way. This is perverse in the extreme. It is tantamount to saying 'Here is a lovely path to use - but you can't use it!'

There are measures which Network Rail can implement- installing a whistle board , for example, to give extra warning to those crossing, but it seems that they are unwilling to go down this cost effective and most sensible route .

The alternative route from the station to the town, by foot, is to negotiate the busy exit road to the main Station Road mini roundabout, which is often full of pot holes and puddles, and then under the railway bridge towards Oldfield Road.

The pavement underneath the bridge is narrow, often flooded due to Network Rail's neglect, foul smelling and full of pigeon guano which is hardly ever cleared or cleaned.

The approximate extra distance of 1 Km is not the point: the pavement is unsafe, un-negotiable by people with buggies, disability scooters and wheelchairs.

It is deeply unpleasant and the road is dangerous and very busy, especially for young people going to school.

Once on to Oldfield Road pedestrians have to negotiate a heavily congested one way traffic system through chicanes, parked vehicles in designated cycle lanes and a car driving public frustrated and impatient in the rush hours.

Closing this crossing over the railway line is not the answer. It is presumably the easiest way for Network Rail to wash their hands of the problem.

The walking and cycling public deserve better from faceless corporations. They should be there to serve us, not deride and neglect us.

Yours  
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