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Good afternoon,

I have recently become aware of the proposal by Network Rail to close the pedestrian crossing at Penleigh Park in Westbury. I object to this proposal and urge the Council to ensure the crossing remains open.

My grounds for objection are that the crossing provides a valuable connection between parts of the community and the alternative route is sufficiently long that a car journey will probably be taken instead. I understand that the connectedness of new housing to existing communities and reducing the need for car journeys are important parts of giving planning consent for housing development. Network Rail should not be able to undo this.

Also, Network Rail's assertions that closing the crossing would 'enhance safety for everyone' and 'reduce the risk of trespass incidents' are flawed. 'Enhancing safety for everyone' is meaningless without assessing the safety impact of the alternatives and how people will behave as a result. Closing the crossing will not stop some people taking a shortcut and will likely result in more trespass incidents. There are of course risks with such a crossing and people must behave appropriately. Ultimately though, having been provided with suitable warnings (signs, traffic lights, common sense), we should be treated with respect and trusted to make sensible and safe decisions when to cross the railway line.

Regards

Martin Rogers