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Dear Ali,

I was concerned to read in the White Horse News of Network Rail's proposed closure of the pedestrian rail crossing at Penleigh Park, Westbury.

This footpath is a well used and established right of way as shown on Ordnance Survey maps. Network Rail's alternative, a one kilometre detour, is plainly ludicrous. **I therefore strongly oppose the closure.**

Although Network Rail claim their proposal is for safety reasons, as a resident of Westbury for over 35 years, I cannot recall any problems concerning this crossing and it surprises me that any potential danger was not considered, in consultation with Network Rail, at the time Wiltshire Council gave planning permission for the Amazon Way estate.

If Network Rail is truly concerned for pedestrian safety then the answer is simple: replace the crossing with a foot bridge; there is ample room on both sides of the track to include wheel-chair/pushchair ramps.

In hope of a sensible outcome,

Peter Smith.