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Good morning,

I am writing in regards to the application notice as mentioned above. As a resident of the Spinnaker estate, I do agree with the risk that the crossing poses now that there are many more people using it, but firstly, that should have been foreseen when the application was put in to build a housing estate on this side of the tracks and an alternative solution sought then, as should be done now. You should not simply close the crossing but consider the alternative solution of installing a footbridge, so not to cut-off the estate from the amenities of the Leigh Park estate. We were not blessed with vital amenities such as shops, schools, doctor surgery, dentist etc on this estate and the crossing point means that these are within reach for those that do not drive or for those who are health conscious and prefer to walk where they can. I lived on the estate what the crossing was closed, so from my own experience I foresee that will cause more vehicular traffic through the estate as the amenities will not be so easily accessible on foot, so people will choose to travel by car instead. The increase of traffic through the estate then increases the risk of someone, maybe even a child being struck by a vehicle. During the time that the crossing was closed, I did once walk from my house on Flint Crescent, down Amazon Way and to the same point on Oldfield Road (online with my house) and it took me 18 minutes. This is compared to the 5 or 6 minutes that it takes to reach the same point using the crossing. So you see, it's quite a substantial difference that will deter people from walking. Also, it's worth stating that I'm in my 30s, healthy and generally active so my walking pace is much quicker than most and for those, the difference it makes will be much greater.

In this age where obesity is on the rise, concerns over health and wellbeing are at the forefront and our impact on the environment (emissions, global warming, carbon footprint) ever a concern, shouldn't we be encouraging people to get active by making it easier to access amenities and services, rather than making it more difficult for them, ergo improving health and wellbeing whilst also reducing emissions?

I would conclude that a footbridge would be a viable and suitable solution and urge you to put yourself in the position of the residents and put consideration to this.

In conjunction to this, progress of the bridge to connect Amazon Way to Mane Way would be a step forward, assuming this would have pedestrian access.

Kind Regards
Mrs Rebecca Hill

Sent from my Galaxy