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Dear Ali,

I am disappointed but not surprised to see the notice affixed by the railway foot crossing about Network Rail's requested for closure, especially now the housing development on Amazon Way is finished.

I use this crossing daily as part of my morning walk and see a train only occasionally. It is a well used crossing from my observations and provides a short cut on foot to the station from the housing on the west side of the town. The closure is thus likely to result in more people driving to the station.

In an environment where we are being encouraged to participate in active travel I feel that closure is a backward step and Network Rail should be acknowledging this and publicising the dangers to the local community and especially the younger generation who may not fully appreciate the danger posed by the railway. They have done exercises like this in many parts of the country and, generally, are very good at engaging with the communities they are part of.

I do not want to see the crossing closed.

Yours,

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