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Good afternoon Ali

I was alarmed to see Wiltshire council are assisting Network Rail in closing this essential crossing

I use this twice a day, 4 days a week when commuting to Bristol for work

If this crossing is closed then the whole of Amazon Way and the Spinnakers Estate, including the lake and the new path running along the back of that estate to the station become of no use to pedestrians unless they live in the estate itself

They only alternative, Station Road is a 1 km detour as you say. The pavement on the station side is too narrow for pedestrians to pass each other, forcing them to step into the road

It is also prone to flooding , and even if not fully flooded, pedestrians are at risk of getting drenched by inconsiderate drivers driving through the ponded water at speed (which is against the law by the way)

Of course, if Wiltshire Council and Network Rail had done their jobs and built the "bridge to nowhere" from Mane Way to Amazon Way across the rail line, there would at least be another alternative. But for pedestrians, still a large detour in the opposite direction

It was entirely foreseeable, years ago, by Wiltshire and Network Rail, that allowing the fields between the crossing and the station/lake to be developed would make this crossing even more important and more used.

Wiltshire and Network Rail should have acted on this issue at the planning stage

Regards

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