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Subject: Ref Notice of application to extinguish level crossing Penleigh park, footpath Westbury 15 (WEST15)
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Dear Ali,

I've seen the poster that has been erected at the level crossing above, I'm writing to express my concerns and objections to the extinguishment.

As a health and Safety professional and a resident on the new estate myself I find it really difficult to understand that National Rail have now realised that the crossing handles high traffic?

Was this not thought about during the consultation process in the planning application? National rail will have been heavily involved in the process as we have all had to pay the £250ish on purchase or our property for there solicitor to produce a document for us to adhere to there stipulations for living near a railway line, I digress.

I have a school aged child and she uses the crossing twice daily minimum to go and return from school, and at the weekends to visit friends etc. there has been a number of occasions the lights are out of operation which at this time my Daughter walks along the proposed route as laid out on the notice.

My major concern for this route, to avoid crossing any of the busy roads, the foot path the goes underneath the railway bridge by the railway inn pub is so narrow pedestrians often walk into the road to pass people, this path is not wide enough for modern pushchairs and also un accessible to wheel chair users, this section of road is extremely busy at rush hours times due to shift start times on the industrial estate and school start times etc.

The only reasonably practicable solution, which I'm very surprised it wasn't installed during in the initial works, is the level crossing to be converted to have a foot bridge installed that is both pedestrian and wheelchair/pushchair accessible, a zebra crossing also needs to be installed to be able to safely cross Oldfield road.

An alternative to this would be at the other end of Amazon way for where the proposed bridge linking Amazon way to Oldfield road, this to be just a foot/cycle bridge, this would then link the footpath further up and enable safer crossing.

I do hope these and other emails are taken into consideration as closing the crossing altogether will not only disadvantage a lot of commuters to the town it will also put there lives in danger but in just another location that is more unpredictable than a level crossing with lights and train horns.

Please feel free to contact me if you require too.

Kindest regards
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Sent from my iPhone