

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO EXTINGUISH LEVEL CROSSING

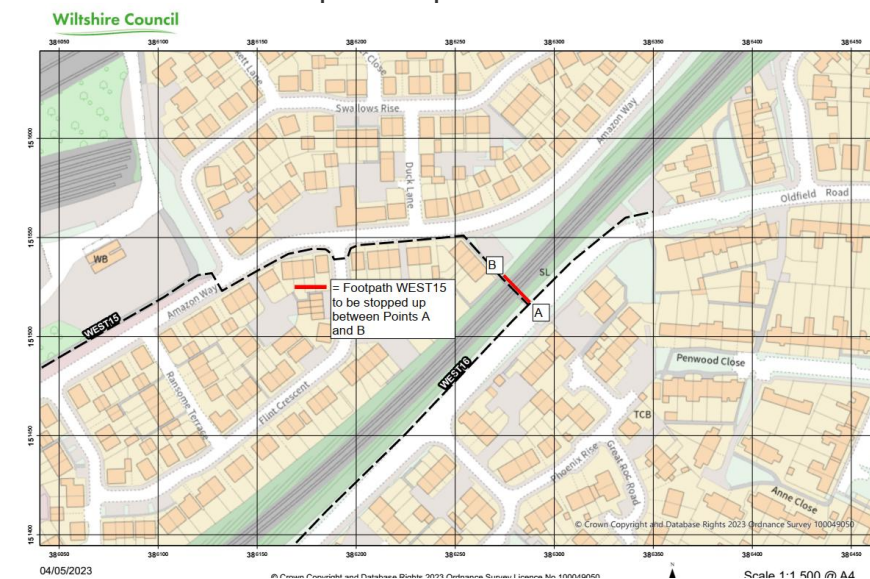
Highways Act 1980 S.118A Transport and Works Act 1992

The Proposed Extinguishment of Penleigh Park Level Crossing,

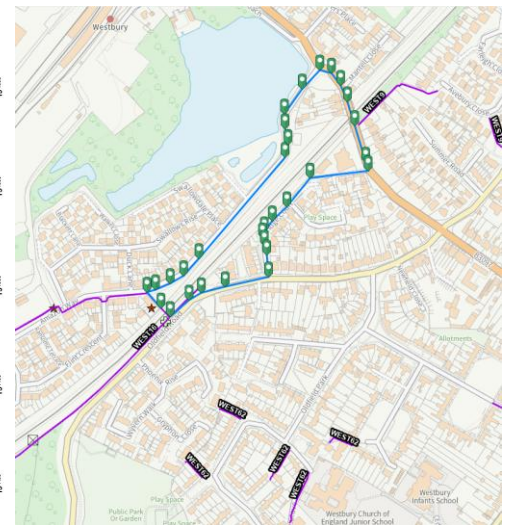
Footpath Westbury 15

Wiltshire Council are in receipt of an application from Network Rail, to extinguish the level crossing on Footpath Westbury 15 (WEST15) known as Penleigh Park Level Crossing, under Section 118A of the Highways Act 1980 inserted by the Transport and Works Act 1992. The proposal is to extinguish WEST15 as shown on Plan 1 the route to be closed is shown with a bold continuous line A-B, approximately 20 metres in length.

The alternative route for the walking public would be via Oldfield Road, Bridge Court, Station Road, Amazon Way and vice versa, which is approximately an additional 1km journey. The alternative route from point to point is shown on Plan 2.



Plan1



Plan2

Network Rail have stated in their extinguishment application that there is now a serious risk of fatality If the level crossing is not closed. Network Rail's assessment of safety concerns include the following:

- The level crossing has a very high number of daily crossings as it provides the most convenient access from the new housing development towards Westbury Town, local amenities, including the schools, shops, parks and recreation ground.
- The level crossing is located on the Westbury Avoiding Line which provides a faster link for trains.
- Network Rail is aware that the crossing is used by vulnerable and encumbered users deemed by Network Rail not be able to use the crossing with the same degree of awareness and safety as other users, the risk assessment modifies the time these users take to cross by 50%.
- Network Rail is also aware of misuse of the crossing.
- The crossing is already at the highest level of protection, therefore without the construction of a bridge no additional mitigation can be provided.

If you would like to make any observations or representations regarding the proposal, I would be very grateful if you could forward them to me via email at ali.roberts@wiltshire.gov.uk or in writing to Ali Roberts, Rights of Way and Countryside, Wiltshire Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN, before 10 July 2025.

Please note that any responses to this notice will be available for public inspection in full.

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<http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/recreation-rights-of-way>