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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object about the proposed change to the railway level crossing on Meldreth Road at Shepreth, Cambs to change it from single to double barriers.

As a resident near to the crossing I am concerned both about the dramatically increased waiting times and the increase in danger as people will now speed to make the crossing.

I understand there have not been any accidents at this crossing in the past and so fail to see what justification there is to modify the existing barriers.

Further, I believe Network Rail claim to have conducted a public consultation on this but I live just down the road from this and received nothing, so it looks like the correct procedure was not followed in this instance.

While changing from single to double seems in itself a harmless, even sensible change, this will be accompanied by a radical increase in the waiting time - estimated to be from 30 seconds to 3 or more minutes.

I am well aware what the new barriers would be like, as I have lived here for 15 years and remember the crossing at Shepreth station itself. This was also changed in a similar way a few years ago, and is now a source of frequent frustration at the unnecessary and very long waits imposed. You sit in the car, at the barriers, minute after minute, with no trains passing, wondering why you are being prevented from crossing...

Regards

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