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Subject: Meldreth Road level crossing at Shepreth
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Dear sir or madam at the Department of Transport,

I would like to state my objection to the proposed 'upgrading' of the Meldreth road level crossing at Shepreth in South Cambridgeshire to a double barrier crossing controlled remotely from a distance similar to the one we had forced on us at Shepreth station several years ago. The changes at this crossing have severely impacted the quality of life of Shepreth residents trying to catch a train towards Cambridge or drive towards Barrington from Shepreth because of the very long delays entailed and with no tangible safety advantages.

I can honestly say that the crossing at the station has become more dangerous since the double barriers were introduced. I myself on several occasions while queueing have seen pedestrians climb over the barriers and cross the track because of the very long waiting times resulting in people missing their trains. Another dangerous consequence of the long waiting times is that people now speed to pass the crossing if the lights start to flash because they don't want to get stuck for five minutes or more if they're trying to get to work or have other commitments.

I have been using this crossing frequently in the last nine months because my mum and dad moved to Shepreth in December 2021 and I live in Barrington. I have been helping my father look after my mother who has Alzheimer's. I make several visits a day to help get my mum up in the morning and put her to bed at night and visit at various other times during the day. I have spent many unnecessary accumulated hours waiting at the crossing which was particularly stressful on one occasion when my mum had fallen in the garden and my dad was waiting for me to help get her up and I was as usual stuck at the crossing for the passage of three trains with no barrier lifting between them when there were many minutes when this could have been done.

It seems totally unnecessary to "upgrade" the crossing on the Meldreth road as to my knowledge there is no history of accidents there and the so-called 'upgrading' will for the reasons stated above make the crossing **more** dangerous because people will take risks to get across it or to beat the barriers coming down which could have fatal consequences. Please do not spend money which I'm sure could be used to improve the railway infrastructure elsewhere to carry out these totally unnecessary works.

Kind regards

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