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Subject: Network Rail (Leeds to Micklefield Enhancements) Transport and Works Act Order
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For attention of -
Secretary of State for Transport

I am emailing to object to the current plans to close the level crossing at Pit Lane, Micklefield, Leeds, West Yorkshire (Bridleway number 8) by Network Rail.

The plans to close the crossing and not supplying a suitable alternative but just divert to Great North Road or via a path through the Recreational Ground is not in keeping with maintaining the Bridalway/Footpath or supplying a reasonable route for people to access Pit Lane/Lower Peckfield Lane.

I believe there was a survey done by Network Rail but it is possibly out dated and doesn't reflect a true report of the use of the crossing, obviously if the crossing was made safer with a bridge or subway then more people would use the route.

The crossing/Bridalway is used by local dog walkers, people wanting to get to/from school, Doctors, shop and work on the business park as well as regular walking groups. As the housing numbers in Micklefield has increased significantly, including a 100 house development on Pit Lane and with plans to develop the business park the crossing/Bridalway will be used by increasing numbers of people.

To provide a public footpath path, especially a Bridalway, through the Recreational Ground is not acceptable.

The Recreational ground is the only significant green space in Micklefield, there isn't a council park or green space and hence the Rec is very well used. To take away any part of the area will have a negative impact on the community.

A Bridalway in a recreational ground with a football field, skate park , Multi use games area and areas for walking and other leisure activities is completely unsuitable for horses.

A bridge or subway is the only acceptable way to close the level crossing but still allow access to/from Pit Lane and maintain the public foot path/Bridalway route.

I am also objecting to the plan to demolish the bridge at Ridge Road, A656, and to build a bridge in a new design while using the original stone.

The bridge is grade II listed and as such should be protected to be maintained or reconstructed in the original design as is the purpose of having grade II listed status.

Kind regards

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