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To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE
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To whom it may concern

As a resident of Micklefield for 57 years I am very concerned about these proposals regarding the closure of the crossing .I use this route regularly as do many people I know to get to each side of the line to walk my dogs on the land either side. To close the crossing and not provide a footbridge is very unfair .The proposed routes would make the journey longer and also would mean having to walk on paths that are on the main road which has seen such a major influx of heavy traffic in the village because of the mass building of houses in our village, this would in turn make it very unsafe for pedestrians /horses /cyclists.The main Great North road has limited vision due to cars parking on the road it would mean the horses would be at risk as they would have to go into the middle of the road to get to the lane on the very narrow road under the existing railway bridge to access Pit Lane and up to the land that backs onto the crossing that is due to be shut .A footbridge would solve this problem .You are also proposing an alternative to this but the land you are suggesting also has its risks it is simply not wide enough and next to a football pitch which has potential to cause injuries to those using the bridleway by stray balls and again they would be joining the main road.

I as a resident of the village for 57 years am asking you to at least provide a footbridge so the existing track at the northern perimeter of the recreation ground remains in use and where we can use the land and the benefits having access to the wildlife and tranquility that brings without having to to risks with the new alternatives .Surely a human life is worth more than the cost of a footbridge .

Kind regards

Mrs Jane Walton

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I look forward to your reply

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