

I MYSELF HAVE USED THIS CROSSING IN SAFETY FOR OVER 50 yrs. IN FACT IT IS A GREAT DEAL SAFER NOW THAN IT WAS IN THE PAST WHEN THERE WERE TWO MAIN LINES WITH A MARSHALLING YARD AND SIDINGS NEARBY. NOW THERE IS JUST ONE TRACK.

AT THIS POINT TRAINS ARE WITHIN 600 mtrs OF NEWMARKET STATION, A STOP FOR ALL PASSENGER TRAINS ON THIS LINE. SO WHETHER THEY ARE APPROACHING OR LEAVING THE STATION THEY ARE TRAVELLING SLOWLY AND THERE IS GOOD VISIBILITY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

YES, OF COURSE IT WOULD BE SAFER IF NO ONE CROSSED RAILWAY LINES OTHER THAN BY BRIDGES OR UNDERPASSES.

TAKE THIS TO ITS LOGICAL CONCLUSION AND WE WOULD HAVE NO TRAINS. NO TRAINS EQUALS NO TRAIN ACCIDENTS. ALL HUMAN ACTIVITY INVOLVES A DEGREE OF RISK. WE NEED TO HAVE COMMON SENSE TO BALANCE THAT RISK AGAINST THE BENEFITS WHICH THE ACTIVITY BRINGS TO THE COMMUNITY.

RESIDENTS OF MY ROAD, NEW CHEVELEY ROAD TAKE FAR BIGGER RISK WHEN CROSSING NEW CHEVELEY ROAD ON FOOT ON THEIR WAY TO THE RAILWAY CROSSING THAN THEY DO ON THE CROSSING ITSELF. THERE ARE MANY MORE VEHICLE MOVEMENTS THAN TRAINS, OFTEN AT HIGHER SPEEDS, SHOULD WE THEN CLOSE THE ROAD AS WELL?

CLOSING THE CROSSING WILL CUT THE TOWN IN HALF. THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS VERY CIRCUITOUS ADDING CONSIDERABLY TO THE JOURNEY IN TO THE TOWN CENTRE FOR RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACK.

NETWORK RAIL SAY IT IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF USERS.

SURELY THE 'LARGE NUMBER' SHOULD BE A REASON TO KEEP IT OPEN AS IT DEMONSTRATES A CLEAR NEED. ~~OR PERHAPS THEY DON'T CARE ABOUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA.~~ THE LARGE NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS TO THIS CLOSURE PROVES THAT THEY ARE NOT LISTENING.

I WANTED TO MEET THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. I AM ONE PERSON WHO WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY ITS CLOSURE AND THERE ARE MANY MORE LIKE ME. ELDERLY, MIDDLE AGED, YOUNG AND PARENTS WITH BABIES AND TODDLERS, ALL WHO NEED THIS VITAL ROUTE NOT JUST FOR SHOPPING BUT TO ACCESS SCHOOLS OR A DOCTORS SURGERY, OR TO WALK TO WORK.

NETWORK RAIL SAY THEY HAVE WALKED THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE BUT WOULD

~~I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE YOU WHO MAKE THESE DECISIONS TO COME AND~~

24 PLEASE WALK THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE WITH ME, BEARING IN MIND THAT IF THE CROSSING WERE TO BE CLOSED MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO WALK IT EVERY SINGLE DAY VERY OFTEN TWICE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

The issues expressed here are supported by the 350 persons who signed the petition now being held by Warwick Hunt.