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5th April 2017

NETWORK RAIL SUFFOLK LEVEL CROSSING REDUCTION ORDER

Dear Sir,

No reason has been given for the closure of footpaths. The public consultation was staffed by agency workers who knew nothing.

Public footpaths must be retained at all costs. They are the Englishman's entry into the English countryside.

My particular concern is Sot - Island Bentley. Network Rail tell me that there is a train passing through this level crossing every five minutes during every twenty four hour period. That surely makes this stretch of line the busiest in the country. (perhaps the world). Since there has never been an incident of concern here it's unlikely that there will be an incident of concern anywhere else.

This crossing was upgraded in January 2017; fitted with an automatic door, new steps and hand-rails and a new plated crossing. It is now even safer than it was before.

There is no good reason to close this level crossing.

Yours faithfully,