

From: Sabine Deering
Sent: 20 April 2017 15:19
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Weatherby Newmarket railway foot crossing

Dear Secretary of State for Transport

Can you please read this message with due care? Thank you

We plead you to reassess your decision to close the Newmarket foot crossing and consider other options. I see it as your responsibility to serve your customers and general members of the public.

Try for a moment to consider the geography of Newmarket and the number of inhabitants who would have their lives so badly affected by the closing of the crossing. It would add an average of at least 15 to 20 minutes walk each way to their daily commute into town! And surely you do not wish to encourage those who own a car to do so in order to gain time.

The Cambridge to Ipswich/Felixstow line is a vital line but not very busy. The Newmarket foot crossing sees 2 trains per hour and this within approximately 10 to 15 minutes of each other. In addition the trains are not travelling at speed as they are either leaving or approaching the station.

I do not believe that your plan to close the crossing is well founded. There is no history of accidents despite Newmarket residents using the crossing daily to get into town and to the station.

If you really believe there is a risk of an accident, I am sure you could add a signal with a warning light when a train is approaching. And what about adding a disclaimer by the crossing, should you fear that a foot crossing user may one day make a claim on the supposedly lack of safety. I would have thought this is a small price to pay to address your duty to the people of Newmarket.

There is also the option of building a bridge, but I can imagine that would be more costly...

Please hear the voice of the crossing users who beg you to keep the crossing open.

DON'T CLOSE THE NEWMARKET WEATHERBY FOOT CROSSING!

Best wishes from a Newmarket Resident,
Sabine Deering

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Caroline O'Neill

From: Sabine Deering
Sent: 20 April 2017 1...
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: RE: Weatherby Newmarket railway foot crossing

My postal address is

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On 20 Apr 2017 15:34, "TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT"
<TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT@dft.gsi.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear Sabine,

Thank you for your e-mail. Is it possible that you could provide us with a postal address so that we can formally register you as an objector to this application.

Kind regards

Caroline O'Neill

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