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Dear Ms Flint,

I am writing with regard to the proposal by Network Rail to close the pedestrian railway crossing in Newmarket, which joins Cricket Field Road to Granary Road. This closure would represent a serious impediment to numerous people living at the southern extremity of the town. Those residents who do not possess vehicular transport make careful use of this crossing for access to the High Street and town centre facilities. Closure of the crossing would entail those residents in the streets nearby, walking a further half a mile in order to access the High Street. Whilst this does not represent a difficulty for a healthy and able bodied person – rather an opportunity for exercise – a person with mobility problems may find the additional distance insurmountable.

If the crossing were to be replaced by a walkway bridge suitable for those pushing a pram, or the users of wheelchairs and mobility scooters, the requirements of railway safety and members of our community who a need assistance in order to participate would be equally served.

Yours Sincerely,

Sean Rehling