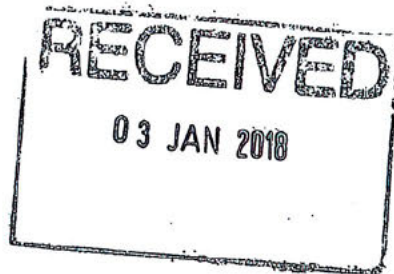


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28-12-17

Dear Ms. O'Neill

I am writing to add my name to numerous other Newmarket residents who are protesting about the plans to close Wetherby crossing in Newmarket.

I am aware that the government is pushing to close crossings such as these nationwide, but I feel that each case should be looked at individually and considerations given to each crossings value to the people who use it daily (in this case 400 people).

I myself have lived in Newmarket for 50 years and I know of other residents who

have used the crossing ⁽²⁾ for considerably longer.

I use the crossing daily to get from my home to the town centre. This route is direct, the walk is beneficial, and just as importantly, it means that I don't use my car.

I want to be able to continue to do this for many more years.

I also feel that very little consideration has been given to the many people who have mobility issues. They will find the extra distance (should the crossing be closed) far more difficult, and for some of them without their own/other means of transport they will become isolated.

The people of Newmarket have used this crossing Safely and continue to do so. I fail to be convinced that safety is an issue here.

On a more optimistic note, why not put

a walkway or bridge here.

There are Mothers with small children + buggys who cross to get to school.

People who use the station to commute to work use the crossing, if the journey is to take longer from A to B (and return), there is a strong possibility that they may decide to use their cars!

Once this crossing has ceased to exist, are we going to look back and realise what a bad decision it has been?

Newmarket is growing fast - more building more people, we should be encouraging people to walk and that includes using Wetherby crossing.

yours. sincerely

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Dear Peter Hubbert.

I would like to add my concerns regarding the proposed closure of Weltheby crossing.

I have attended the meeting we had at the crossing when Matthew Hancock came to lend support.

I find network rails comment concerning safety at the crossing as ridiculous.

This crossing has been used day in, day out for years - I have lived in Newmarket for 50 yrs. and have used it almost daily at times during those periods.

At a meeting held at Bury last year which I attended with Pat Collins, the representative from Network rail was insistent that there had been several fatalities on the line. We informed him that these were very sadly people who had taken the decision to end their lives this way. There were no accidents.

I regularly use the crossing, have no concern about my children (now adult) or grandchild using the crossing.

I resent the fact that it appears we are being treated as irresponsible simpletons, who are incapable of crossing safely. How many people risk being knocked over crossing roads - by crossing the road at the junction of the Avenue and Tattersalls.

The people making these decisions are not familiar with Newmarket - have probably never set foot here and yet

make decisions which totally disrupt
a perfectly safe passage into town
from the south side.

I want to be able to continue to use
the crossing, it's my preferred route, saves
me time and means I don't use my car.
And what's more I feel I should have
the right to decide for myself. which
way I continue to walk..

Yours sincerely

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