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To: Caroline O'Neill
Subject: RE: Network Rail --Level Crossing Closures -Newmarket,Suffolk -Weatherby S22 Objection

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Dear Sirs,

I hope that you may still be able to consider my objection to this crossing being closed.

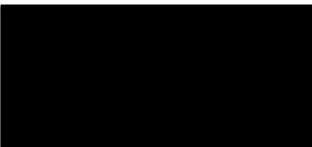
I wrote on 7 January and heard from Isobel Berry on 8 January that I had to comment back to your office.

My comments below:

1. The single track line at this location is not wide and vision in either direction is good.
2. Trains are slowing for the station and are at their fastest would be restricted to 40 mph.
3. The risk would appear to be much lower than each of us faces crossing Newmarket High Street, or indeed most normal roads.
4. The crossing is used by several hundred people every day as evidenced by your own survey.
5. Mothers take children across the line to morning and afternoon school
6. Children and adults use the crossing to access the Cricket/Football field.
7. The local pub on Granby Street is the last in the area for some distance so would lose even more custom.
8. The shortest alternative route by the New Cheveley Road " underbridge" is 874 metres which is a huge diversion for old and young people.

I really do believe this possible closure is a massive mistake ---and really the overall risk is small.

Yours sincerely
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