

Railway, and therefore a plea for compassion will be lessened.

I have personally been using the Weatherby Crossing on a daily basis for in excess of 50 years! The inconvenience that would be caused to me should it be closed is immeasurable, and I know that this would be the same for many. I am proud to be able to maintain my independence "on foot", as I am not a driver and do not have access to a vehicle. Currently I walk into the Newmarket Town on a daily basis to utilise all the facilities on offer. Alternative routes, should the Weatherby Crossing close, adds some significance/distance and time to each journey. The route back home is somewhat concerning as this usually involves the added burden of any purchases made during my visit to town. Of course, there is the option of introducing a taxi for the return journey, however this then incurs a financial impact which would not be sustainable for a long period of time.

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THE WEATHERBY CROSSING

I write to add weight to the objections already made by multiple objectors to the proposed closure of the Weatherby Crossing in Newmarket.

I understand that you will both be speaking at the enquiry due to open on 13 February at Ipswich Town Hall. My first observation is many who stand to be impacted the most by the proposed closure will be unable to either buy or enquire in person. Even as the enquiry to buy at Edmunds, this, for most, will be impossible. This indeed feels like a significant disadvantage for members of the general public using the crossing on a daily basis, their objection will not be visible to Net

assay is infrequent, and therefore low-cost, we are of the opinion that the proposed site is hoped to reduce the number of incidents on this line. Sadly, this is unlikely. Those members of the public that are a point in their lives where this seems to be the best option will not be pressed by using the crossing. This is a nationwide issue or all railway operators and needs to be addressed as such.

I wish you both every success in your campaign to ensure that the Westbury crossing remains open and look forward to hearing confirmation as soon as soonest.

Yours sincerely