



15th December, 2017

Cllr. P Hulbert
Newmarket Town Council
King Edward VII Memorial Hall
High Street
NEWMARKET
CB8 8JP

Dear Sir,

Statement of Case - Weatherby Level Crossing, Newmarket

I write in regard to the proposed closure by Network Rail of the above Level Crossing. Having resided in [REDACTED] for many years I regularly use this Crossing, indeed when I go into the town I always take this route. At the present time I am able to walk there and back with ease, but long term as I get older, I will find it difficult to go into town via the suggested alternative way; it is much further and has a steep hill instead of the present 'gradual' rise.

Many pensioners live in [REDACTED] and frequently use this Level Crossing and it will mean that they will probably have to wait for someone to take them by car into town or, alternatively, pay for a taxi which is not cheap, either way they will lose their independence and freedom to go when they want or need to go into town.

On this South-side of the town, hundreds of residents of all ages, use the Level Crossing on a daily basis and if it is allowed to close many more problems will occur some of which may not be apparent until after this drastic action has been taken.

It is in the interest of every resident on this south side of the town - including workers, disabled, school children, football supporters and allotment holders - that this Level Crossing must remain open permanently as a matter of necessity.

Yours faithfully,

M. Griffiths