

INQUIRY IN TO THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF THE 522 WEATERBY CROSSING (NEWMARKET).

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE ORAL EVIDENCE REGARDING THIS PROPOSED CLOSURE.

MY OBJECTIONS ARE AS FOLLOWS:-

I MYSELF HAVE USED THIS CROSSING IN SAFETY FOR OVER 50 YEARS. AT ONE TIME THERE WERE TWO MAIN LINES IN USE PLUS A MARSHALLING YARD AND SIDINGS NOW THERE IS ONLY ONE TRACK.

THIS CROSSING IS PERFECTLY SAFE AND THERE IS GOOD VISIBILITY IN BOTH DIRECTIONS AND TRAINS ARE NOT TRAVELLING AT SPEED.

BY CLOSING THIS IT WILL CUT THE TOWN IN HALF AND THE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE IS SO CIRCUITOUS, ADDING MUCH MORE TIME FOR THE JOURNEY IN TO THE TOWN CENTRE BY THE RESIDENTS WHO LIVE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE TRACK.

NETWORK RAIL SAY IT IS DANGEROUS BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF USERS BUT SURELY THESE LARGE NUMBERS SHOULD BE A REASON TO KEEP IT OPEN OR DON'T THEY CARE ABOUT THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE LARGE NUMBER OF OBJECTIONS TO THIS CLOSURE PROVES THAT THEY ARE NOT LISTENING, OBVIOUSLY THEY HAVE THEIR OWN AGENDA.

I WANT TO MEET THE PEOPLE WHO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. I AM ONE PERSON WHO WILL BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THE CLOSURE AND THERE ARE MANY MORE LIKE ME - ELDERLY, MIDDLE AGED,



YOUNG PEOPLE AND PARENTS WITH TODDLERS, ALL WHO NEED THIS VITAL ROUTE NOT JUST FOR SHOPPING BUT TO ACCESS SCHOOLS AND DOCTORS SURGERYS.

I WOULD LIKE TO CHALLENGE YOU WHO MAKE THESE DECISIONS TO COME AND WALK THIS ALTERNATIVE WAY BEARING IN MIND THAT IF THE CROSSING IS CLOSED MANY PEOPLE WOULD HAVE TO WALK IT EVERY SINGLE DAY.

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