

From: Valerie & David Green
Sent: 31 March 2017 13:49
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order

Dear Secretary of State,

With reference to the Network Rail proposal to close the railway foot crossing known as **E13 Littlebury Gate House** in the parish of Littlebury (Uttlesford District) we wish to object most strongly on the following grounds:

There is a complete misunderstanding by Network Rail as to the crossing's purpose. The alternative walking route assumes agreement by Audley End Estates to a new footpath along a field parallel and to the west of the Liverpool Street to Cambridge railway line. This diversionary proposal is predicated on the assumption that the crossing is mainly used by walkers who have used the public footpath from Chestnut Avenue to Littlebury Green Road and wish to continue on the path between Peggy's Walk and Strethall Road, using the above crossing. This is very much a minor use of the crossing. This crossing is within the village of Littlebury and its main use is by villagers, particularly the elderly and residents in social housing, who require access to local bus services and the parish church. It is NOT a remote country crossing used only by the occasional walker. Closure of this crossing would create great inconvenience to Littlebury villagers who would certainly not use a muddy field footpath requiring some additional walking distance of nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ mile. They would use other village roads even then adding some $\frac{1}{2}$ mile to their walk, a not inconsiderable distance for the more elderly villagers. Please give serious consideration to rejecting the proposal of Network Rail to close this valuable and convenient crossing.

This objection is made by:

Mr. & Mrs. D. G. Green of [REDACTED]

Yours faithfully,

D.G & V. M. Green

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