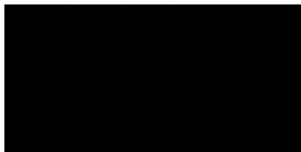


From:
Sent: 27 April 2017 08:29
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Objection to any alteration at pedestrian crossing at Jeffries crossing Footpath 32 Thurrock at Boyce Road Stanford Le Hope Essex

To the Secretary of State for Transport c/o Transport and works Act Orders Unit
Re, Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order.

From:-
Chris Addis



Please accept this email as an Objection to the closure and subsequent redirection of the crossing or any other interference to the pedestrian crossing known as Jeffries crossing Footpath 32 Thurrock at Boyce Road, Stanford Le Hope, Essex

1. Leading up to this notice of intent Network rail undertook 2 underhanded schemes by posting letters of intent through some residents doors.

a: They threatened that the trains would start to sound their horns as they approached the crossing regardless if anyone was on it.

At any time of the night.

Network rail tried to use this threat 10 years ago when they childishly put up whistle boards to get their own way.

b: They wrongly encouraged residents to think that they may be eligible to purchase the land from the footpath adjoining their property

2. The crossing has been fitted with safety features such as a Bombardier Warning System and these safety devices have not been commissioned into use at any time and one can only guess at the wastage of money.

Which raises questions such as,

a: How much did that safety system actually cost ?

b: Why has it not been put into service on a used crossing?

3. The footpath No 32 Thurrock which is part of the crossing is more than likely to be over circa 2000(2 thousand) years old.

4. The crossing is likely to have been in place for over circa 200(2 Hundred) years.

5. The crossing is no more unsafe than it was yesterday or any other day going back circa 200(2 hundred) years ago when it was first installed.

6. The crossings current configuration is no more unsafe than any other crossing that is not on Network Rails list destined for closure.

Such as the pedestrian crossing I mile east at Morley Hill which incidentally **does not** have a warning system as does the Jeffries crossing.

7. All too often in this day and age companies are wrongly hiding behind and using this mantra of health and safety they now use it as a chosen weapon of choice to install fear into people too further their irrational and ill thought out needs. And is generally used by people who are not in touch with the realities of life and use it as the be and end of all situations. Health and safety is always presented in the worse terms presupposing it cannot be challenged. It is used as a top trump card to carve a path for their deviant ways.

8. Trains travel fast and at times are packed solid with passengers and yet there is not one seat belt on a train.

This represents a complete contradiction of understanding of health and safety by a train company.

9. I have lived here for over 41 years and cannot recall any incident at this crossing.

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