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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order

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Dear Sirs

re: E41 Paget Road Wivenhoe and E42 Sand Pit Alresford pedestrian crossings

We wish to object to the proposed closure of the level crossings at Paget Road, Wivenhoe (E41) and also the crossing known as Sand Pit crossing (E42) close by the Alresford Road.

This latter crossing, although not as well as used as the Paget Road crossing, is nevertheless an important one and is used by many Wivenhoe people who enjoy a circuitous walk along the river and then up through Cockaynes wild life area. Closure of this crossing would mean people having to using the road bridge which has no footway on either side of it. With the level crossing having very good views in either direction, we feel that this action puts walkers into a much more risky and vulnerable position on the bridge from speeding cars, and especially lorries. This cannot be right or justifiable.

The Paget Road crossing (E41) is clearly well-used by our own estimation as well as NR's own figures. It is one of only 5 ways for people to get from the top half of Wivenhoe to the bottom area and the riverside. It is at the bottom of a steep valley and so, if closed, would mean a significant detour in either direction to cross either over the Anglesea Road bridge or via the High Street.

As NR now knows, Anglesea Road is an unmade road which is also privately maintained, and the bridge in the High Street has only narrow footpaths on either side, more particularly so on the side closest to the E41 crossing.

The proposal to create a new footpath from Paget Road (north side) makes no sense at all. Why would anyone use it? It will be quicker to walk up Queens Road despite its steep incline and then into the High Street, or vice versa. Neither does this proposed footpath take into consideration the fact that the old school building in Phillip Road is becoming Wivenhoe's new Health Centre and therefore Phillip Road will become a shared use highway used by both pedestrians and cars without any proper pavements.

For these principal reasons, the Committee of The Wivenhoe Society, on behalf of its 380 members, wish to object to the closure of both E41 and E42 level crossings.

The Wivenhoe Society

Note: This letter was approved by the Committee of The Wivenhoe Society at its meeting held on 26th April 2017 held in the meeting room of the Nottage Maritime Institute, The Quay, Wivenhoe.

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