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To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: E41 Paget Road Wivenhoe and E42 Sand Pit Alresford pedestrian crossings

Dear Sir/Madam

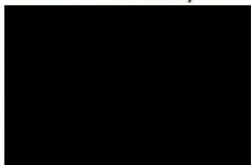
I am writing to object to the proposed closure of these two pedestrian crossings.

The first - E41 - is in the centre of the village and provides easy access between the two halves of the old village which is bisected by the railway. Trains necessarily run slowly past the crossing as it lies close to the station, and it enjoys good visibility.

The second - E42 - is in the countryside and provides a much safer means of crossing the track than the adjacent road bridge which is the suggested alternative. I regularly use this pedestrian crossing in preference to the road bridge as the traffic is often fast and furious, the bridge narrow, and without a pavement of any sort. There is not even a margin to the road across the bridge. In expecting people to use this road bridge Network Rail is exposing them to far more risk than represented by the Sand Pit crossing which enjoys excellent sight lines.

In addition both crossings add significantly to the amenity and character of their locations. Their closure might provide Network Rail with a marginal reduction in arithmetic risk at the level of aggregated national statistics, but the loss will be for real local people.

Yours sincerely
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