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Dear Sirs

Response to Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd.'s application to close Brown & Tawse (E29) foot crossing under the Transport & Works Act 1992 – Network Rail (Essex and others Level Crossing Reduction) Order

As farmers and land owners both north and south of the railway line in this area we formally object to the closing of this crossing and the alternative route suggested. As well as being very inconvenient the new route suggested is far more dangerous, in our opinion, than the existing crossing.

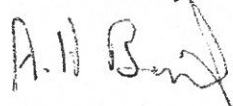
Network Rail's own analysis in "support" of this closure shows no users of the crossing identified in their survey and that there were no incidents of misuse, near misses or accidents at this site in the period 2011 to 2015. I would like, therefore, to question how an ALCRM rating of C4 was achieved? As family farmers and landowners close to the crossing and both sides of the railway line for approaching 100 years no member of this family (3 generations) can remember any incident at this crossing.

The proposed alternative route over the railway bridge on Childerditch Lane will be considerably more dangerous for walkers particularly with the most recent suggestion of what we understand as steps up the embankment each side with walkers 'popping out' of the hedge into the path of vehicular traffic. This type of bridge is dangerous enough for two-way traffic without the idea of adding pedestrians 'popping out of the hedge' into the equation.

As landowners, we also object to having an extra 250 meters of public footpath imposed on us on the north side of the industrial estate with all the cost, hassle and regulation that goes with it.

We therefore wish to see the Brown & Tawse crossing remain in use and oppose the proposals in the Order.

Yours sincerely



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