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## **Angela Foster**

From:

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Subject:

ESSEX LEVEL CROSSINGS ORDER

I wish to object to this order and the proposed closure of crossings in Essex. I am a regular walker in the Essex countryside and I frequently use crossings on public rights of way to enable me to enjoy the countryside without using main roads.

Of the two crossings near where I presently live and which I regularly use (E41 Paget Rd and E42 Sand Pit), the alternative routes being proposed deny access to public rights of way (effectively closing them) and put pedestrians onto unsuitable, dangerous, narrow and/or busy roads.

I also object to the outrageous abuse of process represented by the changes to level crossing klaxon/warning horns which Network Rail and Abellio Great Anglia have implemented in order to bully local residents into accepting these changes.

These rights of way provide critical rights for local residents and these rights should not be sacrificed in the narrow commercial interests of private rail companies who could easily continue to maintain these crossings with a small investment of time and effort.

Thank you

Richard Smith



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