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Dear Sir/Madam,

Please find a letter from Rivenhall Parish Council to the Secretary of State for Transport relative to the above.

If possible I would appreciate you confirmation of the receipt of this letter together with an assurance that its contents will be fully considered during the consultation process.

Yours truly,

Keith P. Taylor
Clerk to Rivenhall Parish Council.

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Secretary of State for Transport
Rt. Hon. Chris Grayling M.P.
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Dear Sir,

Transport and Works Act 1992 - The Transport and Works (Applications and Objections Procedure) (England and Wales) Rules 2006.

**The Proposed Network Rail (Essex and Other Level Crossing Reduction) Order.
Potters Level Crossing E19, Rivenhall, Essex.**

Rivenhall Parish Council made an initial response to the original consultation by Network Rail for consideration of the closure of this level crossing which is incorporated within the local footpath network and is regularly used by local residents. Network Rail, however, chose to ignore the recommendation of the council regarding the relocation of the public footpath 43 and chose instead another, longer diversion route, alongside a local minor watercourse which has a tendency to become waterlogged and marshy during any wet period of the year, particularly during the winter months.

Following the notification of Network Rail's submission, detailed above, Rivenhall Parish Council has received many local representations in opposition to the proposal to close Potters Level Crossing. In addition to the information above regarding the propensity for the waterlogging of the new proposed footpath, there does not appear to be any good reason for this closure. The railway track at this crossing point has a good visibility for approximately two miles in both directions and there has, in living memory, been only one incident and that of a premeditated suicide many years ago.

Rivenhall Parish Council respectfully request, therefore, that the Potters Level Crossing not be closed so that the existing footpaths remain unimpeded and do not get rerouted.

Yours truly,

Keith P. Taylor
Clerk to the Council