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ESSEX LEVEL CROSSINGS ORDER: Objection to proposed closure of E41 Paget

I am writing to object to the proposed closing of E41 Paget level crossing:

Wivenhoe Parish Grid Reference: 604058, 221615 Proposal Category: 4 on the following grounds:

- 1. The alternative routes for people who need to get from one side of the train line to the other are dangerous and difficult for elderly or disabled people.
- 2. There have never been any fatalities or near-misses on the line, so safety is not a relevant ground for closure.
- 3. Trains coming in or out of Wivenhoe station (and all trains on this line stop there) have to slow down anyway to approach the bend, so speed is also not a ground for closure.

As far as I (and everyone else I have spoken to in Wivenhoe) are concerned, this is simply a move by NR to close as many level crossings as possible throughout the country in order to save money (and presumably add to NR's profits). This proposed closure benefits no one else.

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