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4th May 2017

Reference E41

Dear Mr Grayling,

It has been brought to my notice that the pedestrian crossing on the railway line passing through Paget Road, Wivenhoe, Essex, is to be closed. This seems a totally unnecessary move, when to my knowledge in over [REDACTED] years only one person has been injured crossing over the line. I use this crossing regularly to visit my [REDACTED], they use this many times in a week, and for several years the girls have crossed on their own to visit their dad. They have been made aware of the dangers, and cross in a sensible and safe manner. There is good vision and distance both ways to see trains approaching. This is a very popular crossing place used by many people a day, who would have to make a long detour round, climbing a considerably steep hill, which will be difficult for the older generation.

Surely the money it would cost to close this crossing and many more, could be better used elsewhere for improvements on the railway.

Yours sincerely

Mrs M Greenland