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Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order: Motorbike, E33.

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Dear SIr/Madam,

I would like to formally lodge my objections to the proposed closure of the pedestrian rail crossing at the above location, E33, in Vange, Essex. This crossing is currently the prime entrance to the RSPB Vange Marsh Nature Reserve which is an important local amenity. This current location is close to public transport links and free parking. The proposed new route of entry does not have such facilities would also add approximately a mile return journey on foot to the entrance. This will effectively make this important local amenity inaccessible to a large number of people but more particularly the disabled, the elderly and people with walking difficulties like myself.

Furthermore I am unaware of any safety problems with this crossing, particularly as trains are travelling at slow speed as they either leaving or approaching Pitsea station which is just a few hundred metres from the crossing. Additionally I would imagine that there is very little maintenance required at this site and any costs saved would be minimal compared to the impact on the local community.

Yours faithfully,

D.Cornwell

cc. RSPB, The Lodge, Sandy, Beds.

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