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**Subject:** Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order Southend-on-Sea E32 Woodrange Close  
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Dear Sirs

I have been instructed to lodge an objection from the Director of Place of Southend-on-Sea Borough Council to the above proposal. I attach the notice of objection.

I should be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt.

Regards

Peter

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1. Network Rail Infrastructure Limited ("Network Rail") has served notice on Southend-on-Sea Borough Council ("the Council") that it seeks to close the Level Crossing and take powers necessary to implement such proposal.
2. The Council is the Highway Authority for roads and footpaths in the Borough of Southend-on-Sea and is the Highway Authority for footpath number 189 ("the Footpath") within the Borough over which the Level Crossing is located.
3. The Council objects to the proposal on the following grounds:
  - a. There are alternatives available to Network Rail other than closure of the Level Crossing such as the provision of a footbridge; a secured gated crossing; the provision of CCTV; improved lighting, signage and warnings and such other steps as necessary to ensure safety at the Level Crossing other than closure.
  - b. The safety justification is not accepted and closure of the Level Crossing is a disproportionate response to the risk.
  - c. The closure of the Level Crossing results in the severance and extinguishment of the route previously provided by the Footpath and used regularly by members of the public and the alternative route is nearly one kilometre in length.
4. The Council reserves the right to provide evidence to substantiate the above at the appropriate time.
5. Correspondence relating to this notice of objection or the proposed closure of the Level Crossing should be sent to Paul Mathieson, Group Manager Department for Place, Southend-on-Sea Borough Council, Floor 12 Civic Centre, Victoria Avenue, Southend-on-Sea, Essex SS2 6ER (telephone 01702 215321, email: [paulmathieson@southend.gov.uk](mailto:paulmathieson@southend.gov.uk))

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**Director of Place**  
**Southend-on-Sea Borough Council**  
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