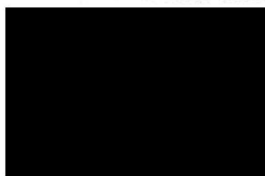


From: graham glombek
Sent: 11 May 2017 15:48
To: TRANSPORTANDWORKSACT
Subject: Network Rail Anglia Level Crossing Reductions TWA Order

To: Secretary of State for Transport

From: Graham Glombek



Dear Sir,

As a birdwatcher and wildlife enthusiast, I am objecting to the proposed closure of the Basildon 'E33 - Motorbike' level crossing on the grounds that it is currently a convenient access point to the RSPB Vange Marsh nature reserve (which is on the south side of the railway) and that closing it will cause a significant increase in time, distance and inconvenience to access the nature reserve.

I currently access the nature reserve by parking safely in the adjacent housing estate on the north side of the railway (in Chestnut Road, Vange) and walking across the level crossing to the nature reserve's east entrance, which takes about 5 minutes or less. If the level crossing is closed, the diverted route proposed via existing and new public footpaths will (I estimate) be about 850 metres and about 14 minutes walking distance for a healthy person, compared to about 50 metres and one minute walking distance via the current level crossing. This will add about 13 minutes extra walking time each way, so a visit to the nature reserve will require about 26 minutes extra time compared to the current time, which I do not think is reasonable especially if only limited time is available.

Accessing the nature reserve from the proposed new footpath from Pitsea Hall Lane would entail a shorter walk, but there is no convenient parking along the road so it would require parking at Pitsea station car park at a cost currently of £2.30 per day after 10 am and at weekends, or £5.40 per day on weekdays before 10 am, which I do not think is reasonable, given that parking on the housing estate at Vange is free.

Yours faithfully,
Graham Glombek

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