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Dear Sir,

Ref: Network Rail Essex and Others Level Crossing Reduction Order – the stopping of Footpath EX/184/19 (Wrabness)

I am writing to lodge my deep concern regarding the stopping, and more importantly the subsequent re-routing, of foot path EX/184/19.

If you have visited the site you will no doubt have noticed that it is well used by horse riders. Indeed as riders living within the village of Wrabness we have been fortunate to have been permitted to ride on this field by the farmer, Mr. Robert Hutley for the last 20 years or more.

This is a vital amenity for us as there are no bridleways in the area and other farmers are not so well disposed to riders. The field is on a slope so affords us an ideal uphill gallop, the only one where we can enjoy a safe gallop at full stretch and one that several of us take advantage on a regular basis – probably one of us at least once a day. Several point-to-point horses have been trained on this field over the years. The two pursuits, horse riding and walking do not go well together as evidenced by the fact that horse riding is not permitted on footpaths. There are a plethora footpaths around the village to satisfy the walkers but nowhere else that we can exercise our horses. By re-routing this footpath you will be removing an amenity we have enjoyed for a good many years by the kind permission of the farmer. You will be endangering the re-routed walkers, who will no doubt encounter riders, and you will endanger the riders whose horses may be spooked by the walkers, their children, dogs and bikes that would use this hitherto private, permitted riding area, as another footpath.

There is no mention of how you would compensate us horse riders for the imposed, unfair loss of this most valued amenity and I would be very interested to hear from you as to where you will re-locate us in the interests of safety.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Yours sincerely,

KATE KINCAID (Mrs.