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Dear Sirs,

I am emailing regarding the closure of the level crossing – E09- Elephant (Newport Parish). Public Right of Way Reference – EX/41/14

I would like to offer my full support for the closing of this crossing for a variety of reasons.

I have lived in Newport for 4 year now and have three children aged [REDACTED] I was unaware of this crossing until fairly recently and having walked down, I was horrified at how dangerous it was. Although my children are still too young to be allowed out alone, it would worry me greatly in a few years times if they were out on bikes/with friends and such a safety hazard was so close.

Also, and another very valid point, the use of horns from the trains providing a warning for this dangerous and rarely used crossing are a real issue in the village. I do live close to the rail line and accept we will hear trains going past. However, in the last year, the train hoots seemed to have become extremely aggressive and often after the 11pm curfew. It has woken my young children up on a large number of occasions, and to be honest, isn't very nice at any point during the day. The level crossing is only a short distance from the bridge on Debden Road and also the train station itself with a pedestrian bridge so I don't think the removal of the crossing (and hoots) will be anything but a positive to the residents of Newport.

I am delighted that you are taking action to close down the crossing, you have my full support and I look forward to the work being completed.

Kind Regards

Ryan Gunn
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