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**To:** [TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE](mailto:TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk)  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed double barrier crossing gates on Meldreth Road, Shepreth  
**Date:** 21 September 2022 15:45:48

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Dear Ms Choudhary,

Thank you for your message. My address is:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED].

I hope very much that objections like mine will be taken seriously. Shepreth is the smallest village in South Cambridgeshire, so please don't simply look at the total number and dismiss it as insignificant!

Thank you for your time.  
Yours sincerely  
Barbara Pankhurst

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> On 21 Sep 2022, at 10:14, TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE  
<[TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk)> wrote:

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> Dear Madam,

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> Thank you for your email citing your objection to the above scheme. In order to register your objection, we require a postal address.

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> Kind regards

> Shenaz Choudhary

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> Ms Shenaz Choudhary | Planning Casework Officer, Transport Infrastructure Planning Unit, Department for Transport

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Barbara Pankhurst [REDACTED]

> Sent: 18 September 2022 15:30

> To: TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE <[TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk](mailto:TRANSPORTINFRASTRUCTURE@dft.gov.uk)>

> Subject: Proposed double barrier crossing gates on Meldreth Road, Shepreth

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> I wish to protest in the strongest possible terms to this proposal. The half barriers are extremely efficient and there have been no recorded incidents to my knowledge since 1995, when I moved to Shepreth.

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> I am a daily witness to the appalling queues, belching exhaust fumes, since the Station Road barriers were changed: vehicles block residents' access and egress for their own homes; it takes only one badly parked car to produce a bottleneck, involving considerable danger for those attempting to cross the level crossing and running the risk of being trapped on the crossing when the barriers go down again, as trains cross each other within a minute at Shepreth when running to time.

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> The Meldreth road is similarly narrow, and bordered by people's houses. There are no industrial areas whatever.

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> No one attempts to hurry across its half-barrier level crossing because everyone knows the automatic barriers will be down for only a minute, at the relevant time and for the relevant safety period. At Station Road my

fellow villagers and I have been kept waiting to cross for 15 minutes on some occasions, dependent on the signal box at Foxton, resulting in missed trains, much frustration, and pollution.

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> A one-size-fits-all is not the approach to take to village life. Please discard this ridiculous proposal, which is a complete waste of money that could be better spent elsewhere. The fact that you have not publicised it sufficiently to the affected villages suggests to me that someone has an agenda keyed to personal gain, probably to do with the noxious proposed Oxford to Cambridge rail line that none of us want, and which would see our villages divided by an embankment that would tear up good agricultural land.

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> Yours,

> Barbara Pankhurst

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